1. In the first five chapters of Romans, Paul presented grace in such a strong and powerful way that it was inevitable for this question to arise:

   “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?” (Rom. 6:1).

   A. Three times, a man who presented the truth of God’s grace in perfect balance had to counter what he knew people were wondering in their hearts (Rom. 3:8, 6:1, and 6:15).

   B. If we’re truly preaching grace the way Paul did, it’s inevitable that somebody will jump to this conclusion and ask, “Are you saying that I can just go live in sin?”

   C. If you have emphasized God’s grace sufficiently, then this should be a logical question that must be addressed.

2. In Romans 6:2, Paul began to answer this question, saying, “God forbid.”

   A. This was the strongest renunciation Paul could have made in the Greek language without employing some type of profanity.

   B. He was saying, “No! Absolutely not! Let it never be!”

3. Paul gave two reasons for “Why live holy?”

   A. The number one reason why we, as Christians, don’t live in sin is because we are no longer by nature a child of the devil.

   “How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Rom. 6:2).

   B. The second reason to live holy is: Living holy will stop Satan’s inroads into your life.

   “What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:15-16).

   C. We live holy because it’s our nature to live that way, and we don’t want to give the devil any access into our lives.

4. For a born-again believer, living holy is a fruit—not a root—of salvation.

   A. It’s a byproduct of living in right relationship with God, but not a means to obtain it.
B. Most people, who don’t understand grace, operate under a legalistic mindset and relate to God based on their performance.

C. You shouldn’t be living holy and thinking, *If I’m holy enough, God will love me... accept me...answer my prayers...heal me...prosper me...etc.*

D. All of these things—your entire relationship with God—must be based on grace.

5. In the race of life, run to win!

> “Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1).

A. The person who’s organized the race and put it on may not be mad at you if you don’t finish first, but if you have weights—sins—holding you back, it’s definitely going to hinder you in running for the Lord.

B. God won’t love you less, but you might love Him less.

C. Lay the weights aside and be more effective.

6. According to God’s Word, your motive is actually more important than your action.

> “Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [God’s kind of love], it profiteth me nothing” (1 Cor. 13:3, brackets mine).

A. Holy acts—in this case, giving to the poor or even laying down your life for another—profit you nothing unless they’re done motivated by God’s kind of love.

B. Wrong motivation gets wrong results.

C. True Bible faith must be in what God has done for us, not in what we are doing for God!
1. According to Romans 6:1, what logical question comes up in people’s minds when grace is properly presented?

2. In Romans 3:8, what were the slanderers reporting that Paul said?

3. How was this same misunderstanding phrased in Romans 6:15?

4. According to Romans 6:2, what is the first reason for, “Why live holy?”

5. What does Romans 6:15-16 reveal as the second reason?

6. What does serving sin manifest in our lives?

7. What does obedience to God manifest in our lives?

8. In both Romans 6:2 and 15, what was Paul’s first response?

9. According to John 8:32, what must we know?

10. What does the truth we know make us?

11. According to John 17:17, what are we sanctified by?

12. What is truth?

13. What does Hebrews 12:1 say to do in order to run the race that is set before us?

14. How should we run this race?

15. According to 1 Corinthians 13:3, what is more important than our actions?
“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Rom. 6:1-2).

“And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just” (Rom. 3:8).

“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom. 6:15-16).

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1).

“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing” (1 Cor. 13:3).