

Romans 6 vs 1

¹What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Most Christians act as though they are still in bondage/servants.

Most of the slaves kept the same old master until they died

What about our great Emancipator. (the one who freed us from bondage)

Most seem to prefer the security of slavery to the risk of liberty

Our old slave master keeps us in shame, guilt ignorance and intimidation

Theoretically we were freed when we believed in Christ, but practically speaking our plantation owners do everything in their power to keep us ignorant like slaves

Some of our excuses

I'm only human

Nobody's perfect

I just can't help it

Nonsense, where sin abounds, grace super abounds (romans 5 vs 20)

Grace awakens our ability to conquer sin

Once we grasp grace we overcome sin

Most Christians expect to sin rather than to enjoy freedom

The cruel slave owners were still beating there slaves after they were free

You don't have to take a beating from satan every now and then

Do not take ownership of sickness or the lies of the enemy.

You are free don't take orders of the old slave master.

Step out of your old way of thinking step into your new nature.

Professor Mc Gee used the story of the Deep South farm lady whose miserable husband died, to best illustrate Romans 6

She had him embalmed and put in a display cabinet near the front door

After a few years she goes on holiday to Europe and falls madly in love

On returning home her new husband carries her across the threshold

My friend the slaves stayed on the farms because of fear

We get caught in the syndrome of fear failure shame confession

Many well meaning Christians will tell you we must live crucified lives

I tell you He [that is Jesus] was crucified once for all

Renew your mind rather than thinking, my fear, my sin, my shame, my failure you need to remember His forgiveness, His grace, His love

When God changes you on the inside it is easy to live right standing with God

When we start operating like free men and women our old master can no longer control us