



# Crucified with Christ

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# Crucified with Christ

- As Christians (believers) we have died with Christ
  - We have recognized that we cannot do anything (powerless) to pay the punishment for our sins
  - We have “come to the end of ourselves”
  - There is nothing that we have or do that is of any value (outside of Christ) – Nothing to boast about (outside of the cross)

# Forms of death (sacrifice)

- Salvation = dying to one's self interests and recognizing our need for a Savior
- Death forced upon us by circumstances
  - Death of body parts/functions
    - Eg. Joni Erikson Tada
    - Lack of abilities due to the aging process
    - People born blind, deaf, etc.
  - Death of our “dreams”
    - Lack of funds to carry out our desires
    - Lack of abilities (talents)
    - Lack of circumstances and/or improper timing
- Voluntary death to our own desires
  - Sacrificing our time and energy for our children
  - Care of older people at the sacrifice of doing what we want to do.

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- In contrast with anything of the world that we can boast in, such as:
  - Technology - The technical accomplishments of our world (buildings, airplanes, computers, etc.)
  - Education – The knowledge of our day and age
  - Our sports teams - Their accomplishments
  - Our country - It's freedom, stand on moral issues, our peace keeping relationships with other countries, etc.
  - Etc.
- The only thing we can really boast about is our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ due to His death on the cross of Calvary
  - Boast – glorying and rejoicing in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ
- Challenge Questions
  - Do we really boast about our Lord and Savior who loved us so much that He would die for us?
  - Or do we boast more about other things?

# The world – what we have separated ourselves from

- What the world thinks everyone should want or long for (seek after)
  - Selfish ambitions
    - “Just do it” attitude - no concern about consequences (on us or others)
    - Freedom to do what you want to do
    - Comforts of home
    - Being entertained
    - Good health (no pain, freedom to move about)
    - Fortune (freedom to do and have what you want)
    - Prestige (respect, admiration, fame, feeling good about yourself)
  - Pleasures of sin for a season (wine, women and song: fulfilling the desires of the flesh) – Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life
    - Drink (drugs, etc.)
    - Overeating
    - Lust (an obsessive desire or distortion of natural desires such as sex outside of marriage, overeating, etc.)
    - Rebellion (refusing to be controlled by another)

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- World – the present condition of human affairs, in alienation from and opposition to God
- To us, the world has died (we have crucified the world)
  - We say goodbye to the world
  - The world has lost its attraction (because we have found the One who completely satisfies)
  - We are no longer interested in its fleeting pleasures
  - We can never believe in the world (It's promises to fulfill our needs and wants.)
  - We can never take pride in the world (its accomplishments)
  - We can never do homage to it (there is nothing to respect)
    - Should we be pledging allegiance to the flag?
    - Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
  - The world is stripped of its glory
  - We realize that the power of the world to charm or govern us is not real
  - We realize that the world's attractions, pleasures, etc. are only short-lived at best compared to an eternity with the One who loved us and gave Himself for us.
- To the world, we have died
  - The world says goodbye to us. (We are of no good to the world, since our perspective is completely foreign to them)
  - As far as the world is concerned, we are spoiled



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- If the world is attracted to us or if we are attracted to the world, we should reconsider our “friendship” with the world.
  - James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



Galatians 5:24 - And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

- At the time of our conversion (when we repented) we nailed the old, evil, corrupt nature to the cross with all its affections and lusts.
- We determined that we would no longer live to cater to our fallen nature
- We determined that our evil nature would no longer dominate our lives.
- Of course, this decision has to be renewed continually in our lives. We must constantly keep the flesh in the place of death.

Dying to self  
Contrasted with  
Worldly philosophies

- Just do it (Don't be inhibited)
- “I could have had a V8” (Frustration over not doing something or getting something)
- You deserve a break today (I have rights and not just privileges)

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- The believer is identified with Christ in His death.
  - Not only was *He* crucified on Calvary, *I* was crucified there as well—in Him.
  - This means the end of me as a sinner in God's sight.
  - It means the end of me as a person seeking to merit or earn salvation by my own efforts.
  - It means the end of me as a child of Adam, as a man under the condemnation of the law, as my old, unregenerate self.
  - The old, evil “I” has been crucified; it has no more claims on my daily life.
  - This *is* true as to my standing before God (positional); it *should* be true as to my behavior (practical).

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- The Savior did not die for me in order that I might go on living my life as I choose. He died for me so that from now on He might be able to live His life in me.
- Faith means reliance or dependence. The Christian lives by continual dependence on Christ, by yielding to Him, by allowing Christ to live His life in him.

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- The believer's rule of life is Christ and not the law.
- It is not a matter of striving, but of trusting.
- We should live a holy life, not out of fear of punishment, but out of love to the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us.
- Have you ever turned your life over to the Lord Jesus making Him not only Savior but Lord of your life?

# Romans 6:1-3

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

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

- Since we are saved by grace through faith does this permit or at least encourage sin?
- We have died to sin
  - Jesus died as our representative (not just our substitute)
  - When Jesus died, we died
  - Not sinless – just identified with Christ in His death
  - When a person is saved, he is baptized into Christ Jesus

# Romans 6:4-6

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

- When we are baptized, we are basically saying:
  - “All that I was as a sinful son of Adam was put to death at the cross.”
  - As we come up out of the water we say, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me”
- It would not have been consistent with God's character to leave the Savior in the tomb. God *did* raise Him, and because we are identified with Christ in His resurrection, we can and should walk in newness of life.
- Just as we have been united with Christ in the likeness of His death (immersion in water), so we are united with Him in the likeness of His resurrection (being raised out of the water).
- We confess in baptism that our old man was crucified with Christ. Our old man refers to all that we were as children of Adam—our old, evil, unregenerate selves, with all our old habits and appetites. At conversion we put off the old man and put on the new man, as if exchanging filthy rags for spotless clothing
- The tyranny of sin over us has been broken. (We are no longer slaves of sin.)



# Romans 6:7-9

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

- A dead man is freed (justified) from any past sins. The penalty has been paid and the case is closed.
- Our death with Christ is one side of the truth. The other side is that we shall also live with Him. We died to sin; we live to righteousness. Sin's dominion over us has been shattered; we share Christ's resurrection life here and now.
- Our confidence is based on the fact that the risen Christ will never die again.

# Romans 6: 10-11

10 For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- When the Lord Jesus died, He died to the whole subject of sin once for all. He died to sin's claims, its wages, its demands, its penalty. He finished the work and settled the account so perfectly that it never needs to be repeated. Now that He lives, He lives to God. In one sense, of course, He always lived to God. But now He lives to God in a new relationship, as the Risen One, and in a new sphere, where sin can never enter.
- Paul has described what is true of us *positionally*. Now he turns to the *practical outworking* of this truth in our lives. We are to RECKON ourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# Closing Scriptures and Comments

John 12:24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

John 12:25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

- Seed never produces grain until first it falls into the ground and dies. The Lord Jesus here referred to Himself as a grain (or kernel) of wheat. If He did not die, He would abide alone. He would enjoy the glories of heaven by Himself; there would be no saved sinners there to share His glory. But if He died, He would provide a way of salvation by which many might be saved.
- As T. G. Ragland says: “If we refuse to be corns of wheat—falling into the ground, and dying; if we will neither sacrifice prospects, nor risk character, and property, and health; nor, when we are called, relinquish home, and break family ties, for Christ's sake; *then we shall abide alone*. But if we wish to be fruitful, we must follow our Blessed Lord Himself, by becoming a corn of wheat, and dying, *then we shall bring forth much fruit*.”
- Many people live for food, clothing, pleasure, etc. But by loving their lives, they fail to realize that the soul is more important than the body. By neglecting their soul's welfare, they lose their lives. On the other hand, there are those who count all things loss for Christ. To serve Him, they forego things highly prized among men. These are the people who will keep their lives for eternal life. To hate one's life means to love Christ more than one loves his own interests.

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- 1Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
- If you want to find yourself you have to lose yourself. If you want to save your life, you have to give it away.

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by Dave Clark, Donald Koch (writers)  
sung by Phillips, Craig & Dean



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- When I look back at what I thought was living, I'm amazed at the price I chose to pay and to think I ignored what really mattered 'cause I thought the sacrifice would be too great





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- But when I finally reached the point of giving in, I found the cross was calling even then, even though it took dying to survive, I’ve never felt so much alive





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- For I am crucified with Christ and yet I live, not I but Christ who lives within me. This cross will never ask for more than I can give for it's not my strength but His. There's no greater sacrifice. For I am crucified with Christ and yet I live.



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- As I hear the Savior call for daily dying, I will bow beneath the weight of Calvary. Let my hands surrender to His piercing purpose that holds me to the cross yet sets me free



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- I will glory in the power of the cross, the things I thought were gain I count as loss. And with His suffering I identify. And by His resurrection power I am alive.



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- And I will offer all I have so that His cross is not in vain for I've found to live is Christ and to die is truly gain.





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