



## Live the Crucified Life • Part 1

Lesson 5

*“Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you.” – John Owen*

### Killing Sin

- Acknowledge the spiritual battle: *Satan’s temptations and God’s testings.*
- Accept the ground rules: *God is good, I am responsible for my sin, deliverance is possible in Christ!*
- Put your past where it belongs: *Behind you once for all under the blood!*
- Focus on God’s purpose: *The Father’s presence with you to transform you into the image of His Son by His Spirit!*
- Live the crucified life!

### God’s Gracious Oxymoron: The Crucified Life

#### 1. Live the Crucified Life in a PERSON: *Jesus Christ.*

*Galatians 2:19-21*

#### Characteristics of the Crucified Life

➤ The Crucified Life is **based on** the great **EXCHANGE**. *2 Corinthians 5:21*

➤ The Crucified Life is the **result of** our **UNION/IDENTIFICATION** with Christ.

*“What does it mean to be ‘in Christ’? It means to be so united to Christ that all the experiences of Christ become the Christian’s experiences. Thus, his death for sin was the believer’s death; his resurrection was (in one sense) the believer’s resurrection; his ascension was the believer’s ascension, so that the believer is (again in one sense) seated with Christ ‘in the heavenly realms’ (so Eph 2:6).” – James Montgomery Boice*

**In Christ** there is **substitution** for sinners in **His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension**.

**In Christ** there is **propitiation (satisfaction)** of God’s wrath and **redemption** of sinners out of bondage.

**In Christ** there is **justification** as righteous and **imputation** of righteousness by grace through faith.

**In Christ** there is **reconciliation** of enemies into friends.

**In Christ** there is **adoption** of slaves into sonship

➤ The Crucified Life **is rooted in** the **GOSPEL** of Christ.

*“Realize, then, that a gospel-rooted life inevitably leads to a crucified life. If we’re truly rooted in the saving work of Jesus Christ, we will experience an ongoing kind of death, a continual crucifixion with Christ. We cannot be firmly rooted in the gospel and not experience a kind of sacrifice and suffering that we might very well call death. If there’s **no death** in our life, there’s probably **no gospel** either.” – Todd Wilson*

#### Conditions for Living the Crucified Life

➤ *If you are ever going to live the crucified life, then you must die **WITH** Christ and He must live **IN** you by faith.*

➤ *If you are in Christ, then you have **ALREADY DIED** to sin.*

➤ *If you have already died to sin in Christ, then accept this fact **BY FAITH**.*

*Christ loved me enough to live the crucified life **for** me, so He could live it **in** me by faith!*

## 2. Live the Crucified Life with a PICTURE: *Baptized into Christ*.

Romans 6:1-5

- **The Question:** Should Christians **CONTINUE** to sin after they are saved? (6:1)

The question is **not**: *Do Christians sin?*

The question **is**: *Should Christians continue to sin, since God's grace is greater than their sin?* (6:1)

The question **is**: *Should Christians continue to sin, since they are no longer under the law?* (6:15)

- **The Answer:** **NO WAY!** (6:2a)

- **The Reason:** Every believer is **DEAD** to sin and **ALIVE** to God in Christ. (6:2b)

1. Death is **SEPARATION**, *never extinction!*

- **Physical death** is *separation* of the spirit from the body. *James 2:26*
- **Spiritual death** is *separation* of a person from God. *Ephesians 2:1-3*
- **Eternal (second) death** is *eternal separation* the resurrected person from God in the Lake of Fire. *Revelation 20:14-15*
- **Death to sin** is *separation* from the controlling power of sin in one's life. *Romans 6:2, 6-14*

2. Life is **RELATIONSHIPS**, *not just existence!*

- **Physical life** is the relationship of the spirit with the body. *Genesis 2:7*
- **Spiritual life** is the relationship of a person with God through the person of Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 2:4-5*
- **Eternal life** is an eternal relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ. *John 17:3*
- **Alive to God** is a relationship with God that results in His resurrection power controlling one's life. *Romans 6:10-13*

- **The Picture:** Believers have been **BAPTIZED/IDENTIFIED** into Christ Jesus! (6:3-5)

1. Baptism is immersion to the point of **IDENTIFICATION**. (6:3)

2. Believers have been **UNITED TOGETHER** in the likeness of His death and the power of His resurrection! (6:4-5)

Christ **died** on the cross for our sin! *"all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death" (3)*

Christ was **buried!** *"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death," (4)*

Christ was **raised** from the dead! *"certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection," (5)*

Christ **walks** in newness of life! *"so we too might walk in newness of life." (4b)*

- **The Point:** I can just say **NO** to sin by faith in Christ! (6:6-7)

The penalty for sin has been **PAID**: *I am DEAD in Christ!*

The power of sin has been **BROKEN**: *I am ALIVE in Christ!*

The presence of sin can be **RESISTED**: *I can say NO to SIN and YES to God!*