



Live the Crucified Life • Part 2

Lesson 6

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

God’s Gracious Oxymoron: *The Crucified Life*

1. Live the Crucified Life in a PERSON: *Jesus Christ*. Galatians 2:20

2. Live the Crucified Life with a PICTURE: *Baptized into Christ*. Romans 6:1-5

“Paul’s answer to his critics is that God’s grace not only forgives sins, but also delivers us from sinning.” – John Stott

- **The Question:** *Should Christians continue to sin after they are saved?* (6:1)
- **The Answer:** *NO WAY!* (6:2a)
- **The Reason:** *Every believer is dead to sin and alive to God in Christ.* (6:2b)
- **The Picture:** *Believers have been baptized/identified into Christ Jesus and His death, burial, and resurrection!* (6:3-5)
- **The Point:** I can say **NO** to sin by faith in Christ! (6:6-7)

3. Live the Crucified Life by a Proactive, Progressive, PROCESS. Romans 6:6-14

- **KNOW.** Romans 6:6-10

“Knowing” is critical to living the crucified life. (6:3, 13, 6-7, 8, 9-10)

1. Knowing that your old self (man) is **DEAD**: *You now are separated from its power to rule over you.* (6:6-7)

- **What is dead?** *Our old **SELF** was crucified (separated!)*
- **Why is it dead?** *In order that “the body of sin” is rendered **POWERLESS**.*
NET *“so that the body of sin would no longer dominate us”*
CSB *“so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless”*
- **What is the result?** *So that we are no longer **SLAVES** to sin.*
- **What does it all mean?** *The one who has died is **FREED** from sin’s control!*

“I have been crucified with Christ...” Galatians 2:20

2. Knowing that your new self is **ALIVE**: *You now have the ability and power to do God’s will.* (6:8-10)

- **Transition** (v. 8): *Union with Christ means being identified with **BOTH** His crucifixion and His resurrection.*
“Life is resurrection anticipated; resurrection is life consummated.” – John Stott
- **Knowing** (v. 9): *Christ is **RAISED** and will never die again – death is no longer His master!*
- **Explanation** (v. 10): *Christ died to sin **ONCE** for all but the life he lives, He lives to God **FOREVER** and ever!*

“...it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...” Galatians 2:20

➤ **RECKON.** *Romans 6:11*

“Even so **consider yourselves** to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

- What does it mean to “**reckon**” something?

By faith consider these two truths to be as real in your own life as they were in Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.

“Regenerate Christians should no more contemplate a return to unregenerate living than adults to their childhood, married people to their singleness or discharged prisoners to their prison cell. For our union with Jesus Christ has severed us from the old life and committed us to the new. Our baptism stands between the two like a door between two rooms, closing on the one and opening into the other. We have died, and we have risen. How can we possibly live again in what we have died to?” – John Stott

“...and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God...” Galatians 2:20

➤ **YIELD.** *Romans 6:12-14*

- What does it mean to “**yield**” or “**present**” something or someone?
- What does “**members**” mean?
- What does “**instruments**” mean?

Two Negative Continual Commands (6:12-13a)

*Stop letting sin **RULE** over your mortal body!*

*Stop **SURRENDERING** your members to sin as weapons of wickedness!*

One Positive Continual Command

*Keep on **YIELDING** your resurrected self to God as your rightful Master and your body, member-by-member, as weapons of righteousness!*

“...who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

Putting the Proactive, Progressive Process into Practice: Romans 12:1-2

DEDICATE your body as a living sacrifice once and for all in a **public presentation** to the Lord and His church.

- Do I need to be baptized again now that I better understand what it means and what I was doing?
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- Do I have to make this commitment public?

“I have NOT been walking in newness of life and I NOW understand what Christ has done for me and I RENEW my baptismal commitment to KNOW – RECKON – YIELD!”

- Do I have to do this at all? NO and YES.

RENEW you mind daily and moment-by-moment with what you now **know** about the crucified life.

CONSIDER these truths to be true of you as you **reckon** them true by faith in Christ’s person and work.

BE TRANSFORMED into Christlikeness and not conformed to this world as you **yield** yourself and your members to God’s service and not sin’s.

William Tyndale’s Conclusion to His Introduction to the Book of Romans (1526)

“Now go to, reader...Remember that Christ made not this atonement, that you should anger God again; neither died he for your sins, that you should live still in them; neither cleansed he you, that you should return as a swine unto your old puddle again; but that you should be a new creature and live a new life after the will of God and not of the flesh.”