



# Jubilee

a season of renewal

“Strategic Surrender”  
Galatians 2:20



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## I. We died with Christ.

- A. Paul declared that when Christ died, he died with Him.
- B. For Christians, in order to identify with the eternal life of Christ, we too must identify with His death.
  - 1. Romans 6:8  
*Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.*
  - 2. Romans 7:4  
*Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*
  - 3. **James D.G. Dunn** said:  
*“Unity with Christ is nothing if it is not union with Christ in His death.”*
- C. To die with Christ means that we acknowledge that our old sins and lifestyle died with Him on the cross.

## II. We died to ourselves.

- A. Paul goes on to say that as a result of being crucified with Christ, he no longer lives.
- B. If we are walking with Christ as we should, then our “I” died when we were saved.
- C. We cannot serve ourselves and Christ.
  - Matthew 6:24  
*No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.*

## III. Christ lives on through us.

- A. Paul explained that in place of his own will, Christ now lives on through him.
- B. This is the main point of living a surrendered life for believers.
  - 1. All of the preceding elements only created a spiritual vacuum where a temporary absence of sin resides.
  - 2. This spiritual vacuum does not hold on its own.

3. Matthew 12:43-45

*When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.*

4. For true change to take place, our old nature must be replaced by Christ.

C. Surrender does not take place without a change in authority.

**IV. We live by faith for Christ.**

A. Paul ended the verse by noting that his life was now consumed by living for Christ.

B. The purpose of living by faith and growing our faith as Christians is not so that it benefits us, but Christ.

C. To surrender to Christ is to replace our will with His as our main pursuit.

• Hebrews 13:20-21

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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