

## Are You Dead Yet? — 07/25/21

**TEXT- Gal 2:20** *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

**INTRO** – “Most Christians are satisfied living their entire lives as common Christians. They never experience the richness of what it truly means to be a Christian. Without a deep insatiable hunger for the things of God, there is nothing within them prodding them to go forward to perfection. The condition of today’s Christian Church is the result of too many common Christians in leadership roles. Once again, we need a great move of the Holy Spirit to break out of the spiritual rut and press on to spiritual perfection. That move needs to start with individual Christians who are willing to give all to God and live the crucified life.”  
— A.W. Tozer,

### I. We are Crucified With Christ.

**Galatians 5:24**, where the Apostle Paul said, *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.* What was Paul saying? Paul

- A crucified man is one who has put to death his own lusts of the flesh.
- A crucified man is one who has put to death his own desires of the flesh.
- A crucified man is one who has put to death his own affections of the flesh.

What are those lusts of the flesh?

- Anything you love more than you love Jesus Christ is a lust of the flesh.
- Anything you love more than you love Jesus Christ is a desire of the flesh.
- Anything you love more than you love Jesus Christ is an affection of the flesh.

**And to the degree that you yield your life to those fleshly lusts, to those fleshly desires, to those fleshly affections, to that very same degree, you are living the self-life as opposed to the crucified life,**

**Rom 6:8-13** *Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal*

*body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

logizomai (G3049) is properly used of "numerical calculation,"

From this word we have the word logic. We are encouraged to evaluate and consider ourselves dead to the flesh. We also get our word “reconciled.”

We must determine by God’s grace, I am going to die.

**Book by A. W. Tozer - The crucified life**

**Roy Hession - The Calvary road**

#### **A. Jesus taught His disciples about the crucified life.**

**Mat 16:24-25** *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

**What or who do you love more than you love Jesus Christ?**

**Is there anything that you would not give up for Jesus Christ?**

**Is there any job, any hobby, any career, any sport, or any possession that you would not give up for Jesus Christ?**

**Is there anyone, in all the world, for whom you hold greater affection than for Jesus Christ? Any mom, any dad, any brother, any sister, any aunt, any uncle, any grandpa, any grandma, any granddaughter, any grandson, any daughter, any son, any husband, any wife, any girl friend or boy friend for whom you hold greater affection than for Jesus Christ?**

**Dr. Roberson said the book that changed his life was “When Did You Die?”**

Is there anything in all the world that means more to you than Christ does?

Any dream, any plan, any ambition, any goal, any feeling, any attitude that you love more than you love Christ? B. Paul wrote in his epistles we are to die to self

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#### **B. Paul referred several times in his epistles to death to self.**

**1 Co 15:31** *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

**Php 3:10** *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*

Though you have an old sin nature that has carnal lusts, that has carnal desires, that has carnal affections, the crucified man does not allow those to control him. The crucified man does not permit those to control him. They do not control where he goes. They do not control what he does. They do not control what he says. They do not control what he feels.

*Paul was saying this: I have taken the old sin nature, the old flesh nature that I have, that I was born with, and I have nailed it to the cross.*

I have given up my rights. I have given up my dreams. I have given up my plans. I have given up my ambitions. I have given up my goals. I have given it all up because I am crucified with Christ.

Have you nailed the old sin nature, the old flesh nature that you have, that you were born with, to the cross?

Have you given up your rights?

Have you given up your dreams?

Have you given up your plans?

Have you given up your ambitions?

Have you given up your goals?

In **I Corinthians 15:31**, the Apostle Paul said, *I die daily.*

Paul was saying this: I die to myself and I nail myself to the cross.

What must I do? You need to nail your lusts of the flesh to the cross.

You need to nail your desires of the flesh to the cross.

You need to nail your affections of the flesh to the cross.

**You need to nail your dreams, your plans, your ambitions, and your goals to the cross.**

## **II. Jesus Christ Must Be First Place**

The crucified life is the life that demands that Jesus Christ come first. In **Mark 8:34**, Jesus said, *Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

Jesus was saying this: If you are going to come after me, if you are going to follow me, I've got to be first.

- **I've got to be first in your life.**
- **I've got to be first in your plans.**
- **I've got to be first in your ambitions.**
- **I've got to be first in your goals.**
- **I've got to be first in your marriage.**
- **I've got to be first in your dating.**
- **I've got to be first in your home.**
- **I've got to be first in your business.**
- **I've got to be first in your church.**
- **I've got to be first in your standards.**

Anything that contradicts the will of God in your life has got to go.

**“One of the strange things about God is that He will come in as far as we allow Him. I have often said that a Christian is as full of the Holy Spirit as he wants to be. We can beg to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We can talk about it, but until we are willing to empty ourselves, we will never**

**have the fullness of the Holy Spirit in our lives. God will fill as much of us as we allow Him to fill.” — A.W. Tozer**

So let me ask you something. What takes the place of self-rule? It is the rule of the Lord Jesus Christ in your life. What takes the place of those fleshly lusts? What takes the place of those fleshly desires? What takes the place of those fleshly affections? It is the will of God. In **Galatians 2:20**, the Apostle Paul said, *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.* What was Paul saying? Paul was saying this: I crucify my flesh; and, in its place, I put Jesus Christ living out His life in and through me. Paul said it this way in **Philippians 1:21** *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*

You can crucify your flesh by walking in the Spirit.

As a child of God you ought to be crucified with Christ. That is, you ought to nail your fleshly lusts to the cross.

Gal. 2:20 *And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

You ought to be living by faith. **Hebrews 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*

Romans 1:17 *The just shall live by faith.* **II Corinthians 5:7** *For we walk by faith, not by sight.* **Mark 11:22**, Jesus said, *"Have faith in God."*

That's good advice. You ought to have faith in God. He knows what He is doing.

## **III. The Result is Fruitfulness**

**Death to self is means of fruitfulness**

**Joh 12:24-25** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.*

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