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| **"You Died. Now Learn to Live!" - Part 1**   1. **The theology of Galatians 2:20 has yet to penetrate most American pulpits.**   ***Galatians 2:20***  *I* ***have been crucified*** *with Christ; it is no longer I who* ***live****, but Christ* ***lives*** *in me; and the* ***life*** *which I now* ***live*** *in the flesh I* ***live*** *by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*  ***Colossians 3:3*** *–*  *For* ***you died****, and your* ***life*** *is hidden with Christ in God.*   1. **"You died." When did this occur?**   ***Romans 6:3***  *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?*  ***Romans 6:6***  *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.*   * “Done away" is better translated "rendered inoperative". * Why do we struggle with this?  1. **There are three major Scriptural references that people use to support the idea that we must be in a constant state of dying to self.** 2. **"He must increase/I must decrease"**   ***John 3:30***  *He must increase, but I must decrease.*   1. **"Take up your cross, daily"**   ***Luke 9:23***  *Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*   1. **"I die daily."**   ***1 Corinthians 15:31***  *I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*  **"You Died. Now Learn to Live!" - Part 2**  ***John 10:10***  *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that* ***they may have life****, and that they may have it* ***more abundantly****.*  **"If we died"**  ***Romans 6:8-14***  *Now if we* ***died*** *with Christ, we believe that we shall also* **live** *with Him, 9knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead,* **dies no more***. Death* **no longer** *has dominion over Him. 10For the death that He died, He died to sin* **once for all***; but the* ***life*** *that He* ***lives****, He* ***lives*** *to God. 11Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be* ***dead*** *indeed to sin, but* ***alive*** *to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  *12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being* ***alive*** *from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*   1. If we died, we shall live (verse 8). 2. If He lives, we live (verse 10). 3. Consider it done (verse 11). 4. Choose life over constant death (verse 12).  * **The world walks in the futility of their minds. The believer walks in a renewed attitude.**   ***Ephesians 4:17-24***  *This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*  *20But you have not so learned Christ, 21if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*   * **It's okay to live!**   ***1 Peter 3:10*** |

*“He who would love life  
And see good days,  
Let him refrain his tongue from evil,  
And his lips from speaking deceit.*