

Dying to Live – Outline

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The **first step** to real transformation is to say goodbye to your old family (Adam) and embrace your new family (Christ).

In Adam – Sin ruled over you.

In Christ – Grace rules over you.

So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:21, NLT)

This first step cannot happen unless you are born again.

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." (John 3:3, NIV)

The **second step** to real transformation is to understand that going back to the old way is no longer possible.

God's grace is going to move you forward!

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! (Romans 6:1, NIV)

And to understand what it means to be dead to sin.

We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? (Romans 6:2, NIV)

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:11, NIV)

What does it mean to be dead to sin?

1. We are spirit beings.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18, NIV)

2. Paul gives us the picture/image that the treasure of our spirit is in "jars of clay."

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. (2 Corinthians 4:7, NIV)

3. In Adam, sin ruled over us and brought death to our soul.

So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death,. (Romans 5:21a, NLT)

But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart (spirit), and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. (Matthew 15:18–19, NIV)

As long as sin fills our "jar of clay" it will leak out.

3. When Jesus died to sin, we died to sin.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. (Romans 6:6–7, NIV)

4. In Christ, our spirit is regenerated, and we receive a new nature.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV)

In Christ our position has changed. We are seen as perfect in Christ.

*For by that one offering **he forever made perfect**... (Hebrews 10:14a, NLT)*

So if I died to sin and Christ is now living in my spirit then why is sin still kicking around in my life?

1. Our Spirit has been changed, but our body and soul have not.

We still possess the old habits, the old patterns, the old behaviors.

2. Over time Jesus life begins to permeate our body and soul, but it takes time.

*For by that one offering he forever made perfect **those who are being made holy**. (Hebrews 10:14, NLT)*

Our Spirit changes immediately.

Our Body and Soul, change gradually over time.

3. Going back to the old way is no longer possible. God's grace is going to compel you forward!

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9–11, NIV)

Dying to Live – Study Guide

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Intro Question

How have you personally experienced new life in Christ recently?

Read Romans 6:1-2

If God is going to forgive me for my sins, why shouldn't I just continue sinning?

Read Romans 6:3

What does it mean that we've died to sin and been baptized into Christ's death?

Read Romans 6:5-7

How is it possible that Paul can call us slaves to sin outside of Christ when there are so many unbelievers that seem to be genuinely good people?

How does the fact that a believer's old self is crucified in Christ practically affect your regular life?

Read Romans 6:8-10

How do we share in Christ death and resurrection as Christians?

Read Romans 6:11-14

What does it mean to you to practically count ourselves dead to sin and alive to Christ.

What does it mean to be alive to Christ and offer our bodies to be instruments of righteousness in everyday life –family, work, school, hobbies, etc?