

## Dead and Alive: The True Condition of Every Believer Galatians 2

Galatians 2:16, 19-21 (ESV)

We know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. ...For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

### I. Our Spiritual Obituary

Verse 20 – "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live..."

Romans 6:1-11 (CSB)

What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, since a person who has died is freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ we believe that we will also live with him, because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him. For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- We are Dead to The Demands of the Law

Verse 16, 19 - "We ...know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God.

- We are Dead to The Desires of the Flesh
- We are Dead to The Dominion of Sin

Romans 6: 6

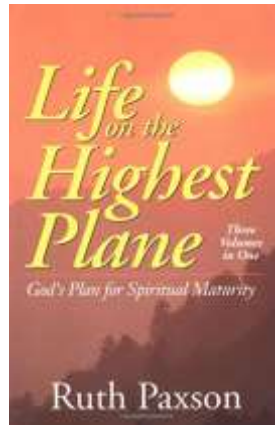
For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, since a person who has died is freed from sin.

### II. Our Spiritual Birth Announcement

Verse 20 – "... I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

John 14:20

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.



*Life on the Highest Plane* by Ruth Paxson

“To be a Christian is nothing less than to have the glorified Christ living in us in actual presence, possession, and power. To be a Christian is to grow up into Christ in all things: it is to have that divine seed which was planted in our innermost spirit blossom out into a growing conformity to His perfect life. To be a Christian is to have Christ the life of our minds, our hearts, our wills, so that it is Christ thinking through us, loving through us, willing through us. It is increasingly to have no life but the life of Christ within us filling us with ever increasing measure.”

### III. Our Spiritual Way of Life

Verse 20 – “...The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

