

Death with Christ

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

How are you today? Are you reigning in Christ Jesus? Are you counting on the fact that He has died for you and that, when He died, you died, and when He was buried, you were buried? That is called co-crucifixion; co-burial; co-resurrection; co-ascension. It is all about Jesus. You know, the death upon the Cross is sometimes so much more important than we realize, because that is what took care of me. It is not only my sin, but it took care of my self, and my self is my biggest problem. We might think everybody out there is the problem. No. I look in the mirror and it reflects back to me.

In **2 Corinthians chapter 5:15**, in the Revised Version it says - . . . **no longer live unto themselves, but unto Him.** Who are you living for? What is your life all about? “Well,” you say, “I have to take care of mine and I have to see how we handle these things and it is really all about me.” Well, stop and think: that is not the life that is meant to be in Christ. We use the word *Christian* and we think of something which speaks of a certain type or group of people. “Yes, we know there is a God up there. Yes, I understand there is such a time as Easter.” No. The Lord is saying that the whole idea of being in Christ is the end of your life and the beginning of His life through you.

I do not know if you know, but the work of the dividing of the soul and the spirit is done by the Lord Himself. We use this word sometimes in Scripture that speaks about *the sword*. It is by His Spirit wielding the Word of God. It is very living and it is very active. It is as if the Lord divides the very soul and spirit right within ourselves, as He is penetrating into the innermost recesses of my immaterial being. It is as if here I am and I have this body which is not going to last forever. Somehow I know I have a soul and, in Christ, I have the Spirit. What is this He is dividing? Well, He is working as He is co-working in me by my will. The Lord is a Gentleman; He will not push himself upon me. Some people say, “Well, that is enough! I have had enough of that! I do not want any more of my life! I have too many disturbances!” The Lord will not unsave you; you cannot be unborn from the family of God. But sadly, we go along and think, “Boy, life is more peaceful and nobody is bothering me!” But we miss the fact that we told the Lord we did not want Him to work through us any more. We did not like what happened. When God works in us, all kinds of things happen, because He is doing that work deep within us by His Word and through His Spirit. It is like a sword that only He can bring to pass what He is working in us, that He might fruitfully work through us.

In **Romans 6: 1-14**, there is a great emphasis on something which is tremendously important to understand as a Christian. It means that in Christ, I **reckon (myself) dead indeed unto sin. . .** That is in **verse**

11. In other words, I am not going back over the fact that well, I did this twenty years ago and I said this. No. If there is something that has to be taken care of, because the Spirit of the Lord tells you to, take care of it. Realize that the whole idea of coming to the Cross is that I go away full of the Spirit. I could meet somebody and say, "I was so upset this morning! I was so angry! I do not know what to do! I felt I let God down!" Well, the whole idea is that you make it right with the Lord and especially among those you have offended. Then, you ask for that fresh, fresh infilling and you go away and say, *Thank You, Lord that you showed me this by Your Spirit. Now that has been dealt with and now, Lord, it is You again. And it is You living through me.*

In **Romans 6:12** and **Galatians 5:14**, we read - **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body. . . (and thus find the flesh) crucified with its affections and lusts.** Do not hang onto those things God said ought to be brought to death. This now means I have to **reckon (myself) dead indeed unto sin** in its more subtle forms. That is through my soul life: you know, the evil self conditions, such as inordinate self love, self pity; self preservation; all these things that are speaking of the self. And to seek in all things, I must **walk in the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)**. I must discern what is of the Spirit and what is of the soul. I want to be a person who the Holy Spirit can have communion with, because I am one in Spirit with Him. I am one with Him discerning the situation that is the trap for the self life. I do not

know what the trap is in your life. It could be to make you prominent or make you feel you are the special, spiritual person. I do not know, but I want to be in tune with the Spirit of the Lord, glorifying Jesus Christ.

What about you? Would you write and share how the Lord is working in your life? Let Him be All in all — no longer I, but Christ.

We love you. Bye-bye.