

# What Causes Us to Die and Rise Each Day?

**Focus:** How God's Law kills the old self and God's Gospel raises the new self.

**Key Verse:** "...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life." — Romans 6:4

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**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: *I hope you are keeping up with this very important series on repentance!*

1. **The Basics of Repentance:** A quick review!
  - a. What is repentance? It includes **contrition** and **faith**.
  - b. Who does that important work? The Holy Spirit.
  - c. Through what means does the Spirit work?
    - i. He works **contrition** through God's word of Law!
    - ii. He works **faith** through God's word of Gospel!
  - d. Is daily repentance important for every believer? Yes! If we shrink back, *we will forfeit everything* (He. 10:39)!
  - e. Is daily Bible time important for every believer? Yes!
  - f. Should every believer gladly approach God's word with ♦an open mind, ♦an open heart, and ♦a desire to fully apply the contents? Yes!
  - g. What, exactly, will the Holy Spirit work in us?
    - i. He will ♦show us our sins and ♦make us sorry!
    - ii. He will turn us ♦**from** our sins ♦**to** God's will!
    - iii. He will assure us of forgiveness through Jesus!

## 2. God Works through His Word:

- a. **Joshua 1:8** “This Book of the Law [*the Torah, Pentateuch, first five books*] shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night [**Why?**], so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it [**What should encourage me to do that?**]; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success.”
- b. **Isaiah 55:10–11** [temporal] “...as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it produce and sprout, And providing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; [eternal] <sup>11</sup> So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the purpose* for which I sent it.”  
// Let’s keep in mind: **God works through His word!**
- c. **Matthew 4:4** [Jesus responded to Satan’s temptation:] ... “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.” // Let’s order our lives, so that **everyday** we are receiving ➔ physical food and ➔ soul food!
- d. **John 17:17** [Jesus prayed:] “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.” // Through our *initial repentance* (see part 6 of this series), **God has worked by the Spirit** through baptism / through His word to:
  - i. Give us the benefits of Jesus’ finished work!
  - ii. Make us righteous in His site!
  - iii. Set us apart from the multitudes who are heading for eternal punishment!

e. **1 Thessalonians 2:13** "...we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of mere men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe." // **How is God working through His word in your life?**

3. **The Basics of Jesus' Work:** **Hebrews 10:14** "For by one offering [the offering of Himself] He [Christ] has perfected for all time those who are sanctified [see John 17:17 above]." // What does it mean that Jesus perfected us? He qualified us to ✦stand before God and ✦live in His presence😊!

4. **Daily Dying and Daily Living:** Do you understand? **God's word of Law** calls us daily to die to sin, while **God's word of Gospel** daily renews our life in Christ. Let's ✦understand and ✦apply these important passages:

a. **Luke 9:23** [Jesus said:] "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me." // Do you remember the meanings from part 7 of this series? Jesus is calling all believers to:

i. Say NO to their sinful desires.

ii. Accept the persecution that will surely come.

iii. Follow His will for their lives.

b. **Romans 6:3** "...do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?" // Jesus received ✦**our sins** and ✦**our eternal punishment** and then He laid down His life. Then, through our baptism into Christ, we were united to Christ:

- i. To His sinless life in our place!
- ii. To the payment He made for our sins!
- iii. To His victory over sin, death, and the devil!

Now what? Paul told us: **Romans 6:4** “...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.” // Now, dead to sin, ***we live a new life in Christ!***

- c. **1 Corinthians 15:31, 34** [Paul wrote:] “I affirm... that I die daily... [Therefore, let us:] Sober up morally and stop sinning...” // Since God has made us His holy children, *let us live in ongoing repentance!*
- d. **Galatians 6:14** [Paul wrote:] “...the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” // In other words, **I am dead to sin**, *it no longer influences me!* (Possible story about St. Augustine and his former mistress...)
- e. **Colossians 3:1–3** “...if you have been raised with Christ, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> **Set your minds on the things that are above**, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> **For you have died**, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” // We are so very blessed now and forever! ***So let us gladly live for the Christ!***

**Let Us Pray:** Father in heaven, keep us remembering our status – *dead to sin and alive in Christ*. And then, power us by the Holy Spirit to *live godly lives unto Your glory!*

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