

# THE BELIEVER'S CRUCIFIXION

(HOW CHRIST HAS FREED US FROM THE RULE OF SIN)



## **Four Conditions of Victorious Living:**

- ◆ **“Identify”** with what Christ has done (Romans 6:6)
- ◆ **“Crucify”** the flesh and its passions (Galatians 5:24)
- ◆ **“Mortify”** the deeds of the body (Romans 8:13)
- ◆ **“Glorify”** God in body and in spirit (I Cor. 6:20)

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# “THE CRUCIFIED MAN”

**Text:** Romans 6:1-14

**Subject:** How To Identify With Christ And Crucify The Flesh

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## Questions With Answers

1. What does it mean, “That our old man is crucified”?
2. What does it mean, “That the body of sin is destroyed”?
3. What does it mean to be “Dead indeed unto sin”?
4. What does it mean to “Put off the old man”?
5. What does it mean to “Crucify the flesh”?
6. What does it mean to “Mortify your members”?
7. What does it mean to be “Crucified with Christ”?

## Is It That Important?

**“Do you not know this that you were baptized into Christ’s death”?** (Romans 6:3)

**“Getting to Know this...(Romans 6:6)**

(Getting to know what?)

- ◆ The most important thing you could ever know.
- ◆ The one thing satan doesn’t want you to know.
- ◆ The one thing satan dreads for us to know.

## (What Is It?)

*“Getting to know this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed (or abolished) that henceforth we should not serve sin.” (Romans 6:6)*

**Question:** Why is Paul so anxious for all believers to know these things?

**Answer:** Because this truth will influence us,  
Because this truth will transform us,  
Because this truth will energize us,  
Because this truth will lead us from death to life and **power over sin!**

## (Remember)

Unless we know these things, we can never put faith in them and live in the power of these things, and we will forfeit the value of the cross to crucify our old man and give us power over sin!  
(Repeat)

**Fact:** This crucified life that is dead to sin can be summed up in four words.

**Fact:** Paul is careful to reveal these four words of power to everyone in pursuit of holiness, sanctification and power over sin.

## Four Words of Freedom

## I. **Identify**

*“Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves too be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:11)*

**Fact:** Romans 6:1-4 was written so that we could identify with our crucified, risen and ascended Lord.

**Fact:** Identification with what Christ has done will lead us to victory over what Christ destroyed.

### **Identification Involves Two Pictures**

#### **#1. Christ’s Death**

*“Know ye not, that so many of us were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?” (Romans 6:3)*

**Question:** What does it mean to be baptized into Jesus’ death?

**Answer:** It means Jesus was put to death and died to sin.  
It means Jesus carried my sin to His cross.  
It means Jesus died to abolish sin’s power to rule.  
It means Jesus was crucified to destroy the ruling principle of sin to dominate those “in Him”.  
It means when Jesus died, sin died in its authority to rule your life.  
It means His death slew sins power to call the shots in your life and mine!

#### **#2. Christ’s Resurrection**

*“As Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.” (6:4)*

**Question:** What does it mean to “Walk in newness of life”?

**Answer:** It means that Jesus came out of the tomb.  
It means Jesus left behind what sin did to Him.  
It means Jesus left behind sins power to keep Him down.  
It means Jesus broke sins power to keep us in sin.

**Fact:** If the power of sin was not broken and God’s justice was not satisfied, Jesus would still be in the grave!

### **What Does It Mean To Us?**

- ◆ It means that we can leave behind the old life.
- ◆ It means that we can say “no” to the old rule.
- ◆ It means that we cannot be forced to sin in any way, shape or form!

### **In Other Words**

- ◆ Jesus **died** to break sins power to rule us!!!
- ◆ Jesus **rose** to enable us to walk in newness of life!!!

*“But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that*

*dwelleth in you. Therefore, bretheren, we are debtors, not to the flesh to live after the flesh." (Romans 8: 11, 12)*

### **What's is the Secret?**

1. Identify with Christ in His crucifixion!
2. Identify with Christ in His resurrection!
3. Picture yourself having died to sin's rule!
4. Picture yourself having risen with new power!
5. Accept what Christ has done to free you (in death)!
6. Accept what Christ has done to fill you (in resurrection)!

### **In Plain Bible Theology**

- ◆ If Jesus cannot be forced to smoke, swear, drink alcohol, live arrogant, be bitter, or live a worldly life;
- ◆ You cannot be forced to sin because you are the benefactor of His provision!

**Fact**: We can be tempted to sin!

**Fact**: But we cannot be forced to sin!

### **"The Body of Sin Has Been Destroyed" – Romans 6:6**

## **II. "Crucify"**

*"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him." (Romans 6:6)*

*"I am crucified with Christ." (Galatians 2:20)*

*"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Gal 5:24)*

#### ◆ Our Position

**Question**: What does it mean "our old man is crucified" in Romans 6:6?

**Answer**: The term "old man" is used by Paul to describe our sinful, corrupt and former nature before we were renewed (saved)

**Question**: What has happened to this "old man" or "old nature"?

**Answer**: It has been "crucified" which means:

1. Slain
2. Put to death
3. Subdued
4. Rendered powerless
5. Overcome by the work of the cross

#### ◆ Our Practice

**Question**: Why do many believers still practice sin?

**Question**: Why does this "old man" still live when the crucified life is available to us all?

**Question**: How is this "crucified life" put into practice day after day?"

## **The Power Of This Truth**

*“I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)*

**Question**: How do we live the “crucified to sin” life?

**Question**: How do we live “dead” to what Jesus dies to?

**Question**: How do we “crucify” the passions and lusts of our carnal man?

**“By Faith in the Son of God”  
Which Means:**

1. Placing confidence in what Christ has done.
2. Looking to Him for all the strength we need.
3. Abiding intimately and close with Him.
4. Pursuing absolute union with the overcoming Christ.

**“By Faith in Him” means:**

Faith in what Christ has done at the cross on my behalf, will apply His rule and power to my life to crucify everything contrary to Him!

**Fact**: I can’t overcome in my own strength.

**Fact**: But I can overcome by trusting in His strength to quicken me and enable me to resist temptation!

**III. “Mortify”**

*“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth.” (Colossians 3:5)*

*“Mortify the deeds of the body.” (Romans 8:13)*

**A Clear Revelation Here**

1. That the “potential” for resisting sin is God’s part!
2. That the “practice” of resisting sin is my part!

**We Practice As We “Mortify”**

**Fact**: The word “mortify” means:

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| 1. To put to death!            | 3. To subdue or deaden!                      |
| 2. To destroy the strength of! | 4. To destroy the vitality & functioning of! |

**Fact**: To “mortify” or “put to death” the flesh, carnal and sinful passions of the body means:  
To destroy the strength of sin as it attempts to reign and master our bodies!

**How Can this be done? Only one way:**

By yielding and committing ourselves to spiritual disciplines which allow the Holy Spirit to empower us. (Repeat)

**Four Spiritual Disciplines**

(That open the door for Grace to help us “stand”)

- #1. **The Word** (which will cut away the weeds of sin before they have a chance to grow and surface).
- #2. **Fervent Prayer**: (which develops inner strength of the soul and gives God the tools to work with).
- #3. **Humility** (which will keep us totally dependent upon God and not ourselves).

#4. **Obedience** (which will increase our faith to keep growing as we progress with God).

### **Never Forget**

We cannot crucify the flesh unless we mortify our members and yield them totally to the Lord!

**Fact:** Sin that is destroyed in our minds will never become a part of our history!

**Fact:** The man we feed (whether flesh or spirit) is the man that will grow and rule!

## IV. **Glorify**

*“For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (I Corinthians 6:20)*

**Question:** How can we glorify God in all we do?

**Answer:** By always asking ourselves four questions; found in four Scriptural principles:

#1. I Corinthians 6:12 *“All things are permissible for me, but not everything is beneficial.”*  
(Question #1) “Is what I am doing beneficial or helpful to me spiritually, mentally and physically?”

#2. I Corinthians 6:12 *“All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.”*  
(Question #2.) “Is there anything that has me under it’s power?”

#3. I Corinthians 8:13 *“If meat offends or makes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat at all.”*  
(Question #3) “Is what I am doing hurting or offending anybody else?”

#4. I Corinthians 10:31 *“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.”*  
(Question #4) “Does this glorify God?”

### **Conclusion**

How can we live the “crucified” life, dead to sin and bring glory to God?

- ◆ **Identify** – with what Christ has done in breaking sin’s power to rule your life. (Romans 6:6)
- ◆ **Crucify** – the flesh by putting your faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us. (Galatians 2:20)
- ◆ **Mortify** – your members through spiritual disciplines that rob sin of its power to dominate you. (Colossians 3:5)
- ◆ **Glorify** – God by surrendering your will to answer the 4 big questions. (I Corinthians 6:20)

AMEN!  
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