

The Day I Died

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 6:1-4.
- B. We behave foolishly often because it is our nature.

II. God put a second life in us—the Second Adam, Christ.

- A. This makes it possible for us to be good.
- B. It is actually easier for us to be good from the life of Christ because God is stronger than man is.
- C. One does not have to try to be good anymore than one has to try to be bad.

III. Why Christians fail to live on this level.

- A. The Christian continues in sin because he misuses God's grace—he expects God's forgiveness so he keeps sinning.
- B. Blessed is the one who is a fragrance of Christ. (II Corinthians 2:14)

IV. The solution.

- A. First, one must know what God declares to be a fact.
- B. The fact our faith rests on this: our old life died when Christ died.
- C. We died the day we believed in Jesus Christ.
 - 1. God cut off the old life because it had no power.
 - 2. The Christian is not expected to live life on his own power—his power must come from Christ.
- D. One must learn to recognize the signs of the old life within and declare dead what God has said is dead.
 - 1. Stop protecting the old life.
 - 2. Stop pampering your sins.
 - 3. God has not given this life the right to live.
 - 4. We are to give over our body to the indwelling Jesus to do whatever we do in His power.

5. We need the life of Jesus to do everything.

E. We already have the power we need to live correctly as Christians.

Application questions:

1. Why does a speaker have a qualm with those Christians who say, "I need Jesus?"

2. What is the great fact that helps us in our struggles with sin? How is this effective?

3. With what sins are you struggling? How does this message give you new resolve? Explain.
