

Fresh Surrender - Week 5

CRUCIFIED

Gal. 2:20 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. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" NIV

Gal. 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. AMP

- “Deny self” means I must cease from making myself the **object** of my life and affections.
- How can I be free from the self-life?
The only answer that really works is for us to get **another** life. The Holy Spirit is a heavenly life, coming to **expel** the selfish and fleshly life we were born with.

Death gave us:

1. A **pathway** to the presence of God
2. **Victory** over sin
3. **Resurrection**

Andrew Murray says “Christ’s death and life cannot be separated. Knowing this, the life of Christ cannot be separated from our death to sin. “

Receiving Christ and dying to our old nature happens as we allow the Spirit of God to **rule** our flesh.

When the new nature is ruling our lives, the tendency for **evil** is rooted out.

Our prayer: (according to Murray) “Lord Jesus, let the power of Your death work through me, to penetrate my whole being.”

By the Spirit of God, we can now begin to grow and live the **deeper** life we desire and the one God desires for us.

What does the crucified man really look like?

1. He realizes that a deep, absolute **humility** is truly part of God’s process.
2. He sees just how **helpless** he is.
 - Sometimes God will adjust our lives so that hopeless and helpless is all we have. That is the **blessed** life.

- Maybe what we need today in church is to learn to sink into dying to our own **self-importance.**
3. The crucified man learns the meaning of living in **restfulness.**

Ok, in Scripture, who knew the most about the **crucified** life? Who grabbed hold of the meaning of dying to self? Who best understood the meaning of entering into death with Christ?

I believe it's the **thief** on the **cross:**

- The thief made a whole-hearted **confession** of his sin.
 - By the way, he is the only man in Scripture that heaven was **promised** to.
 - The promise came in three wonderful parts:
 1. He was given the promise of **fellowship** with Christ.
 2. He was given the promise of **rest** for eternity.
 3. He was given the promise of immediate **blessings.**
- So what is my responsibility then? We must **let go.**
- Another thing we notice about the thief is his **prayer.** His prayer had conviction of sin and it had great **faith.**

We need to have a **boldness** and confidence in our Christian life.

A benefit of dying to self? Dead people can no longer be **frightened.** Responsibility does not rest too **heavily** on their shoulders.

So, once again, being crucified means I am willing to **trade** all that I am for all of what Christ is.

Final thought:

My prayer: "Lord, here is my life. I want to let go of all the junk that holds me hostage, all the fear of the unknown, all the burdens I carry that I need to turn over to you. There is still a lot of sin and selfishness I need to let go of. But I come to You humbly, and I come boldly and confident that You can do for me what You did for the thief that day. Thanks, in advance, for the friendship and fellowship that is coming my way."