

"Are You Dead Yet?"

Romans 6:1-2

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?

Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

(NLT)

How can you keep living in sin?

How can you keep living in something that God brought you out of?

You might fall in it, but you can't rest in it.

If you can rest in it, you wasn't His in the first place.

A pig falls in the mud and wallows, a sheep falls into the mud and cries.

It's the same thing but a different nature.

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"How?"

Paul said, **"we are dead to it"**

You can't live in it, you might do it, but I want let you rest in it.

If you've got the nature to wallow in the mud you still have the nature of a pig, but if you are a child of God, you fell in it but you're not happy in it.

Christ didn't get a good deal with the church but yet He chooses to love Her anyway.

Christ loving the church is comparable to someone loving a crazing woman who's sometimes in and sometimes out who's sometimes up and sometimes down.

But yet He told me to play the roll and love her like I love you.

And **I say**, *"That's how You got crucified."*

And **He says**, *"That's what I'm trying to do to you is crucify you."*

You see, when God gets ready to crucify your flesh He's going to use somebody to drive the nails in it.

- **Killing your ego**
- **Killing your pride**
- **Killing your big mouth**
- **Killing your selfishness**
- **Killing your lust**
- **Killing your adultery**
- **Killing your anger**
- **Killing your strife**

- **Killing your gossip**

Stop letting your flesh control your life, crucify your flesh and live unto ***righteousness*** and ***holiness***.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives.

(NLT)

2 Corinthians 7:1

Since we have these promises, dear friends, we need to cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit and live a holy life in the fear of God.

(GW)

Hebrews 12:14

Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

(NLT)

In order for you to walk in this grace that is given to you, YOU have got to die, because you were married to your:

- **old nature**
- **your old habits**
- **your old lust**
- **your old desires**
- **your old appetites**

You were controlled by the old man.

Let me explain your old nature your old flesh:

Let's go back in **I Samuel 25** and take a look at a woman named Abigail.

Abigail ended up being David's wife.

But when she met David she was married to Nabal.

She was married to Nabal but she had her eye on David.

They couldn't get together because she was married to Nabal.

Nabal's name in the Hebrew text means: **"dolt"** which means, *"a dull, stupid person; a blockhead; a fool"*

She was attracted to a **King** but she was married to a **Fool!**

(She wanted change in her life)

What do you do when you are attracted to a King but you're married to a fool (**your flesh**)?

She kept looking at David like some people keep coming to church.

You're really not in church but you just like to come and wink at being a Christian.

And the reason that you are not a fully devoted Christian is you are still married to a fool (**FLESH**)!

Abigail kept looking at the King.

Sometimes you don't know that the old man is a fool until you see a King.

When you look at the King and you look at Nabal, when you look at the King and you look at Nabal, when you look at the King and you look at Nabal, and you say, Nabal, you're a fool, the way I use to live was a fool, the way I use to think was a fool, but what do you do when you're married to a fool.

Abigail was trapped until Nabal died.

You are trapped as long as you keep looking at your flesh

When Nabal died it freed her from her bondage.

- **That old man that you use to be**
- **That fool that you use to be**
- **That weakling that you use to be**
- **You were married to him (*your flesh*) but now he's dead**

Romans 6:6-7

6 We know this: whatever we used to be with our old sinful ways has been nailed to His cross. So our entire record of sin has been canceled, and we no longer have to bow down to sin's power.

7 A dead man, you see, cannot be bound by sin.

(The Voice)

Colossians 3:9

Don't tell lies to each other; it was your old life with all its wickedness that did that sort of thing; now it is dead and gone.

(TLB)

John 8:34

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

(KJV)

Child of God you are free!

John 8:36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

(KJV)

Rom 6:18

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

(KJV)

Romans 8:2

And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

(NLT)

Gal 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

(KJV)

Everybody shout: **"I'm Free"**

The Old Man is dead!

Notice:

If Jesus loved you enough to die to get to you, you should love Him enough to die to get to Him.

You'll never get to Him until you die.

You will never be raised up in Christ until you die.

Romans 6:5

Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

Ephesians 2:6

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

(NLT)

Crucify Your Flesh!