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The Love-Life Agency

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MACHAIRA

(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:11 (NKJV)

Most people who ask the question, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" seek for reason to accuse the gospel. However, Paul asked the question rhetorically to bring to his readers the hardcore truth of the gospel. After explaining the participation of those who are saved, in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus; he established the reality that as you are saved, you should reckon yourself dead to sin. You don't reckon yourself dead to sin because you first lived right. You don't reckon yourself dead to sin according to your good works. You reckon yourself dead to sin on the grounds of how Christ died to sin and defeated sin once and for all. I explained yesterday that Jesus did not only die FOR you. He died also WITH you. This is the testimony for all men, that Christ died for them. Therefore salvation is available for all However, when one comes to believe in Jesus and received salvation, he or she is identified with Christ. The testimony of the saved is that, his or her old man and nature died with Christ. And now in Christ he or she is a new creation.

Now see these two verses:

2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Amplified).

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]."

See Galatians 2:20 (TPT):

"My old identity has been co-crucified with Messiah and no longer lives; for the nails of his cross crucified me with him. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me— we live in union as one! My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, and dispenses his life into mine"

So when you got saved you were united with Christ. And the old man was crucified with Christ on the cross. The old wretched nature of sin, died with Christ.

Let's also take a look at Romans 6:5-13

"For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin." (vv 5-6)

You can see here again, that as you were united together in the death of Jesus, your old man, who was the embodiment of sin was crucified with Christ. Now if you are in Christ you don't have the nature of sin in your spirit. You are a new creation, and you share in the likeness of the resurrection of Jesus. You have the new life of Christ. This life is not a slave controlled by sin.

"For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (vv 7-11)

Now from the revelation of scriptures, you understand that Jesus died to sin once and for all and lives unto God forever. Therefore, because you are identified with Christ in His death, you are also alive to God in Christ once and for all. When you were made alive in God in Christ, it was not with the nature of sin. The nature of sin was terminated in the death of Jesus. Therefore you are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, with the nature of righteousness. You did not become alive to yourself and the legalism of Moses. You were made alive to God in Christ with the nature of righteousness.

It means now you must live according to the MACHAIRA

dominion of righteousness in you. You are no longer under the influence of sin, because the power of His resurrection has produced the righteousness of God in Christ in you.

Hallelujah!

DIG DEEPER:

(2 Corinthians 5:16-17,21; Romans 6:1-15; Galatians 2:17-21; Ephesians 2:1-6)

WE PRAY

That we will live according to the dominion of righteousness in us.

BIBLE READING

Day 83: Judges 19-21

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I am now quickened unto life.
- The life of Christ is at work in me.
- I am dead to sin and alive unto God.
- Sin has no dominion over me. I am the righteousness of God in Christ.

- I live above every negative addiction.
- I cannot be influenced by the lust of sin, because I am a slave of righteousness.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!