

## Should a Christian be Dying to Sin?

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### Scripture References:

- Matthew 1:21
- Romans 6:6-23
- Romans 6:12-14, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 15:30, *MSG*
- 1 Corinthians 15:30, 31
- Galatians 2:20
- Hebrews 4:15
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Peter 2:22
- John 14:30
- John 10:18
- Romans 7:5
- Romans 12:2
- Romans 16:25, 26
- Ephesians 4:23, 24
- 1 Corinthians 1:30

### Summary:

*Somewhere along our Christian walk we may have heard someone say we must continually die to sin, and tried to apply it to ourselves. However, Jesus went to the cross and died for our sins, once for all time; we therefore no longer have to keep trying to do what has already been done. Victory over sinning does not come from working on our behavior, but from the knowledge that Jesus has set us free from our old, sinful nature; believing this will change our actions.*

### Notes:

1. Jesus died for us so that *we* could die to sin; believing in what He did makes us righteous. Saving people from their sins was Jesus' mission when He came to earth. The only way sin can control the way we live is if we don't renew our minds after being born again. When we assert our authority over our thought lives, sin can't control us.
2. We only need to die to sin once; this occurs when we get born again and accept Christ. We must rightly divide the Word; there is a difference between sin and sinning. We don't have to keep dying to sin because as born-again believers, we have already died to it.
3. Getting born again exchanges our sinful nature for Jesus' perfect, sinless nature; this exchange took place when He went to the cross. Satan has always been able to have power over people with sinful natures. However, getting born again and letting God replace our old nature with His sinless nature gives us victory over the enemy.
4. We're righteous in Christ; genuine faith in our identity in Him affects our behavior. We mustn't let our bad behavior determine who or what we believe we are. We're only righteous because we receive *God's* righteousness as a gift from Him; we could never make ourselves righteous.

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