

Philippians 3:10-12

Dying to Live

Because I am His ...

I. Abundant Living

- A. He Lives
- B. I Am Alive

II. Sanctified Dying

- A. He Suffered Death
- B. I Share His Suffering
 - 1. Identify
 - 2. Mortify
 - 3. Vivify
 - 4. Glorify
 - 5. Testify

III. Assuredly Trusting

- A. Imperfect
- B. Secure

... I press on.

Children, Listen ...

1. Who gave Paul a new life?
2. Were there still things that Paul had to struggle with in life?
3. Are God's people made perfect yet? How do you know?
4. When you discover you are disobedient to God, what should you do?

Good Morning Self

You may have read the little quip that's been passed around here and there. The narrator talks about what a wonderfully sanctified day they had had so far ... then they have to get out of bed. Well, our sin life is a little more complicated than that, but there is some truth in the ironic reflection of a hopeful sinner at the beginning of the day. The fact of the matter is we can wake up and walk through the day with a joyful bounce in our step – after all – if we are in Christ we are alive in Him! However we still deal with that nagging reality of indwelling sin. Therefore there is a dying that still needs to be done. We need to die each day to the ways of the old man and strive to put on the ways of the new. We must depend on grace for this, but at the same time we are to be complicit in what is called our “sanctification.” With the help of the Holy Spirit we die to sin and live unto righteousness. We have not arrived at perfection yet and we will not until we step into glory and are made like Him. In the mean time we press on in obedience because we belong to the one who suffered and died to take away our sin.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.