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Episode 135 – Die Now, Live Now: Entering Christ's Death and Resurrection Part 2

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Hey friend — this episode walks with you through a powerful, practical truth: you can find death to self in Christ and be raised into new life right now. Scott ties Abraham's faith, circumcision, baptism, and key New Testament passages (Romans, Colossians, Romans 6, Galatians, and more) to show how believing God's promise lets you quit trusting the flesh and live unto God.

If you're tired of old habits, anger, or shame, listen for the simple invitation: commit your spirit, seek the death Jesus prayed, and let God give you resurrection life. It's hopeful, doable, and meant to change how you live today.

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Hi, I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. We're continuing our podcast concerning the book of Revelation. You know, when you talk about Revelation, it's literally about people who come out of the apostasy that began in the first century... about how they come out of the apostasy and perfect their faith before the resurrection of the dead.

What I have recently discovered (I should point to the podcast of last week dealing with Romans 4 and Romans 6), what Abraham had found, to give us kind of a footing for what I'm going to do today... because today I initially thought I would talk about Isaiah 53, but I began to realize there's too much left from what it means to find death in Christ. So I'm going to be talking about that.

But again, to get a footing, if we look at Abraham in Genesis 15, you find righteousness by faith, Genesis 15:6. In Genesis 17:11, we see a symbol. I should say the symbol of circumcision given to Abraham as a picture of his righteousness by faith. Paul brings this out in Romans 4, verse 11. He kind of compares those two chapters in Genesis and those two verses.

So circumcision, literal physical circumcision, was a symbol of the circumcision that happened to Abraham in Genesis 15. In Genesis 15, Abraham had his thinking circumcised, a cutting away of the flesh of his understanding, coming to grips with God's understanding of the blessing he was giving Abraham. We then took that and brought it to the New Testament to compare our understanding of Christ and how we enter into righteousness by faith, like Abraham did. But Abraham followed through with the promise God gave him and was justified by works. Again, this is brought out in James 2.

So, looking at Jesus, we have righteousness by faith, believing the promises. It's the carrying forth of those promises, living the promises that will perfect our faith. Now, while I'm on this level, one promise is that in Jesus Christ there is a double understanding of the wisdom of God looking at the cross. Jesus on the cross was portraying humanity. God's promise to you is that if you can enter into the death of Christ, you can find death and be raised from the dead now.

He that is dead is free from iniquity, and to be raised from the dead, you're now made alive so that you can live unto God. You're free from your iniquity, from your fleshly understanding, so that you can live unto God. That really is a big promise that God will give you, grant you death, and you apply that death.

Well, that's what I want to do today. I want to cover the death verses, or some of them, in the New Testament. Now, it's interesting if we can just remember what we saw in Revelation chapter 21, we're looking at the holy city, New Jerusalem. The holy city has a wall around it. The wall has 12 foundations. Each foundation has the name of an apostle on it, showing us that the wall of our salvation is based on the teaching of the apostles. That means the New Testament.

But we also know that the apostles did not teach anything you couldn't find in the Old Testament. Therefore, our faith is based on the apostles and prophets. But it's what the apostles wrote to us in the New Testament that builds the wall of our salvation.

So I found it interesting that, looking at baptism, and recognizing it is like circumcision, circumcision was a symbol to show the righteousness of Abraham's faith. Well, baptism is also a symbol to show the righteousness of your faith. It's a type. In fact, let me use another word. If I were to go online and look up baptism, which I did, it is referred to as emblematic, like it's an emblem, emblematic. Emblematic of what?

Well, supposedly, you'll be baptized in the universal church as a picture of your death, burial, and being raised with Jesus. It's emblematic. But that is literal baptism. There is a baptism made using the water of the word (Eph 5:26). This water will come into your mind, an explanation of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's promise to you is, if you can enter into death with his Son on the cross and pray what he prayed, "Father, I feel forsaken. Nevertheless, I'm thirsting for truth. Not going to try to do this myself anymore. That's finished. Into your hands, I commit my spirit." If you commit your spirit to God, you have just died to self.

This is what Christ portrayed. Our iniquity, the result of iniquity, the prayer which he prayed, and death. Again, God's promise: You pray that prayer, I mean, with all your heart. He will grant you death and resurrection. Hence, this is the study. I want to just use some verses to kind of bring this out so that you can read it yourself. It always helped me to be able to read it in the Bible and believe it because I believe the scriptures. I love the scriptures. I believe that they're inspired of God.

Again, my faith, the wall of my salvation, is based on what the apostles taught. And they taught us the faith of Christ. When he says, *for by grace are you saved through faith, and*

that faith, that's not of yourselves (Eph 2:8), that's the faith of Christ. It's not faith in Christ. Galatians 2:16, *you believe in Christ to be justified by the faith of Christ.*

So, looking again at baptism and circumcision... Well, in Colossians, Paul combines the two for us, starting with Colossians 2, verse 9.

Col 2:9 For in him, in Christ, dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

Col 2:10 And you are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and authority, power:

Col 2:11 In whom you're circumcised with the circumcision made without hands (that is, with the water of the word), in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.

So Christ reveals the truth to his ministry, who reveals the truth to those who have ears to hear. And there is a cutting away of the sins of the flesh, just like Abraham's fleshly thoughts. Well, in Christ, you're circumcised with a circumcision made without hands. This puts off the body of the sins of the flesh. Verse 12,

Col 2:12 You're buried with him in baptism... (See again, verse 11, we're talking about circumcision. Verse 12, baptism. Both of these are spiritual.) You're buried with him in baptism, wherein also you are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised him from the dead.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your iniquity and the uncircumcision of your fleshly understanding (like Abraham in Genesis 15), has he quickened together with Christ, having delivered you from all iniquity.

So right there, really, the depth of what you're reading, I mean, you could think about this for weeks. This happens to the person who can believe it - Romans 3:22. What God is saying is offered to all men, but it's only going to be upon the ones who believe it. There is a verse in Romans 5 that just leapt out at me. I just want to read this real quick and go back to Colossians. Romans 5:18,

Rom 5:18 Therefore, as by the offense (that's your iniquity) of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so through the righteousness of one, Jesus, the free gift came upon whom? All men unto justification of life.

God is offering justification of life to all men. All they have to do is believe the truth. The truth is to receive an explanation of the death of Christ, because in that explanation, you go through a circumcision, a cutting away of your fleshly thinking. You receive the baptism of Christ. The circumcision of Christ... It's a baptism as you have faith in the operation of God. Do you have faith in the operation of God? Let me show you an example. We just read this in our last podcast. Look at Romans 4, verse 19.

Rom 4:19 Abraham, being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb. (He would not consider it.)

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but he was strong in his faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what God promised, he was able to perform.

Rom 4:22 Therefore it was imputed unto him for righteousness.

Apply that to what we're reading right here in Colossians 2. God is offering you death and life. You come to the cross, and you enter into that prayer with Jesus. You find death with Christ. You unite with him in death, and God will grant you death. That is a promise. A dead man is free from iniquity. Again, if you are struggling with anybody, if you've got anything going on, we're going to read this in a few minutes. But the things going on in your life, you can't get over them. You're angry with somebody, or you're lusting... whatever is happening, God will grant you death if you seek him. You die daily. He will grant you death regarding that. A dead man doesn't feel anything anymore.

Then he will grant you life, the resurrection, so that you can be free from iniquity and alive unto God. Just like Abraham, when I read that about Abraham in Romans 4, it really inspires me to say that he staggered not at the promise of God. See, God's given you the promise, death and life now. It's not by and by, pie in the sky. *He staggered not at the promise of God. He was strong in his faith. He gave glory to God, and he was fully persuaded that what God promised, he was able to perform.*

What does that mean? Well, it was imputed unto him for righteousness. That's what you need right here, right now: to not stagger at the promise of God, but to receive it and be fully persuaded that what he's promising he can perform. He most certainly can grant

you the gift of death and a resurrected life. That's what we're all hoping to see at the end of this thing. But he's offering it to you now. So I'm in Colossians, looking at Colossians 3:1.

Col 3:1 If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting on the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth. Why?

Col 3:3 For you're dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then you're going to appear with him in glory.

So is this a reality? Did the apostles actually teach that you enter into death in life now? Absolutely. Again, Colossians 3:1.

Col 3:1 If you then be risen with Christ, (if you understand that truth, verse 3),

Col 3:3 You're dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

It is very important that we understand this so that we can apply our faith. We can impute this death in life to ourselves. Romans chapter 6, I've read this so many times in the past, but I'm reading it again now so that we can see where this takes us... this understanding of finding death on that cross. Well, this is now.

What I'm getting ready to read to you, when I was in the universal churches, nobody spoke to me like this. They actually said the opposite. What do you mean? Look at Romans 6:1.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in the sin (iniquity), that grace may abound? (Basically, that's what I was told to do.)

Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin...

You're dead to iniquity. Did anybody ever tell you, "You are dead to sin"? I was told I'm going to keep sinning until I'm given a new body. That is not what Paul was preaching. And the apostles have laid the foundation of our faith, the walls of our salvation. Here, we're looking at it right here.

Rom 6:3 Know ye not (don't you know), that as many of us as are immersed into Jesus Christ are immersed into his death?

Now, again, to the universal church, that is emblematic. It's emblematic because they don't have the water of his word to explain that. If you have the water of his word, it becomes spiritual... What is spiritual? It's spiritual... it is of the mind. This becomes a spiritual reality. This is not emblematic. You're buried with him through the water of the word, the immersion into death. That is what you should be told when you come to the Lord.

You take the water of the word and immerse people unto their own death. How? You show them what happened on the cross. You explain to them. The giving of that truth is the Holy Spirit. They now have the Holy Spirit upon them. If they have that truth of what happened at the cross, the idea of iniquity, what it does to us, and the four last things Jesus said, it was a prayer. If you enter into death, let's just keep reading this. Verse 4 again, Romans 6:4.

Rom 6:4 Therefore we're buried with him through immersion into death (I'm saying that like a phrase, immersion into death): that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father (just like he was raised up), even so we also should walk in newness of life.

How are you going to do that? Someone's going to teach you, and you're not going to stagger at the promise. You're going to believe God can perform what he has said he would do.

Rom 6:5 If you have been planted or united in the similitude of his death, we shall also be in the similitude of the resurrection. (When? Now. Not by and by, now.)

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, so that the body of iniquity would be rendered inactive, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Rom 6:7 For he that is dead is free from iniquity.

Rom 6:8 Now if we are dead with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him. (When? Now. You live with him now.)

Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more... (See, and what happened to him? He became us. He was a similitude of humanity with the sinful flesh.) Death has no more dominion over him (spiritual death for you and me).

Rom 6:10 For in that he died, he died unto sin or iniquity once: in that he lives, he lives unto God. (Now notice verse 11.)

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto iniquity, but alive unto God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

When? Now. Right now, you enter into that belief. God is able to perform what he has promised you.

Rom 6:12 Let not iniquity reign in your mortal... (If anything means now, it's that word right there, mortal.) Let not iniquity reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lust of it.

Rom 6:13 Don't yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness (which is iniquity) unto the sin (which is iniquity. You go from iniquity to iniquity). Yield yourselves to God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

When? Now. You receive this truth. This is a reality now. You find yourself getting mad at somebody, you can find death and put that away. And you can look at it... You're supposed to have promised, you're giving your spirit to God, "Into your hands I commit my spirit." Well, are you mad at them? Seek the Lord for death, and then ask the Lord, how would you have me see this situation? You put away the emotion of it.

Rom 6:14 Sin shall not have dominion over you because you're not being governed by the law. You're being governed by God's grace. (It's your grace toward other people.)

Rom 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we're not governed by the law, but governed by grace? No.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey (and that is now).

You're manifesting this now, whether you're trusting God or not. Is God big enough to give you death and life? Yes! If you're not experiencing it, whose fault is it?

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether you're obeying sin (which leads to death), or obedience to God (which leads to actions of love, righteousness)?

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked. You were the servants of iniquity. (You were... You were.) But you have obeyed from the heart into a form of teaching which was delivered you.

What? That on the cross, Jesus portrayed you, and he prayed a prayer, and you can pray the prayer and enter into his death. If you do that, God will raise you, and you will enter into Jesus's life now.

Rom 6:17 ... You obeyed from the heart into a form of teaching delivered you.

Rom 6:18 That made you free from iniquity, and you became servants of actions of love... righteousness.

Again, there's nobody in the universal church who told me any of this. They might have read this chapter. Really, I don't even remember that. Never did anybody tell me this is a reality now, just like Abraham in Romans 4. That man, it was impossible for him to have a child looking at it through the eyes of the earth, of the flesh. He was a hundred years old, and even his wife's womb was dried up. But he did not stagger. He did not even consider those two things. He believed "God can do this." *Therefore, it was imputed unto him for righteousness.*

Do you want the righteousness of God? Do you want to be perfected in the righteousness of God? That is what this podcast is about this week: that you make a dedicated effort to let God give you the gift of death so that he can raise you and give you life right now. You start living as though you've been raised from the dead.

Rom 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the weakness of your flesh, as you have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Rom 6:20 For when you were servants of iniquity, you were free from righteousness (but you want to be dead to self and free from iniquity).

Rom 6:21 What fruit did you have in those things? ...

Well, I saw a lot of good movies, and I saw a lot of great TV. And I did a lot of things. Of course, sometimes I felt guilty when it was over. Well,

Rom 6:21 What fruit did you have in those things whereof now you're ashamed? The completion of that is death.

But "now" ... big word, isn't it? That little three-letter word.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from iniquity, and become servants to God, you have your fruit unto holiness. The completion of that is everlasting life.

Rom 6:23 You see, the wages of iniquity is death. The gift God is trying to give you is eternal life, which you get through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So I had to read that. I had to connect this with what we're reading in Colossians. I'm going to connect another one. 2 Timothy 2:11.

2Ti 2:11 It is a faithful concept. If we be dead with him, we shall also live with him.

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. But if you deny him, he's going to deny you.

2Ti 2:13 If you don't believe, Jesus Christ himself is going to remain faithful to God. He cannot deny himself.

2Ti 2:14 Of these things, put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit. It only subverts the hearers.

2Ti 2:15 Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the concepts of truth.

That's what we're trying to do. I want you to see where this idea of finding death is scriptural, real. This is spiritual reality. You can die and be raised. That is spiritual reality... only if you understand the cross and apply the principles that God is showing us. Another one, 2 Corinthians 1, verse 8.

2Co 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above our strength, abilities, insomuch that we despaired even of life. (Now here he's having a problem. He's struggling with something going on.)

2Co 1:9 But we had the answer of death in ourselves. (King James puts "sentence." It's the only time it's in the Bible, and it is "the answer." We had the answer to verse 8. What? Death in ourselves.) That we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raised the dead.

See, there is what death to self is. You quit trusting in your fleshly understanding. Are you upset with somebody? You find death. You quit trusting in yourself in the way you're looking at that person. You're supposed to have committed your spirit to God. So look at what he says. Again, verse 8.

2Co 1:8 We wouldn't have you to be ignorant of the trouble. We were pressed out of measure above our own abilities. (Not any different than Abraham trying to have a son at a hundred years old. Not any different than you realizing you can be free from sin.) We were pressed out of measure, above our own ability. We despaired even of life.
2Co 1:9 But we had the answer. Death in ourselves, so that we wouldn't trust in ourselves, but into God which raised the dead.

Man, if that doesn't fit what we're talking about, I don't know what does. But look at verse 10.

2Co 1:10 God, who delivered us (past)... he delivered us from so great a death, and (present) he doth deliver: (future) in whom we trust he will yet deliver.

There is the attitude. That right there, I just love the way he states that. He gives you an example of a practical application of death to self. We're in 2 Corinthians. I want you to go to chapter 4. I want to start reading at verse 6.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus.

2Co 4:7 You see, we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

When you see us overcoming, and you see us being tempted to be angry but not being overcome by it, again, *he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. In this, you'll see the patience of the saints* (Rev 13:10).

2Co 4:7 We have this treasure in an earthen vessel, so that the excellency of the power, people will know that's God in you.

See, that's what we've been reading in the Gospel of John 17. *I'm in them, you're in me, so that the world may know you sent me, that they all may be one. We have this treasure in an earthen vessel so that God can be glorified.* Now, verse 8.

2Co 4:8 You see, we're troubled on every side, but we're not distressed; we're perplexed, but we're not in despair.

2Co 4:9 We're persecuted, but we're not forsaken. We're cast down, but we're not destroyed. (Now, here you go. Verse 10.)

2Co 4:10 We're always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus. (Is this scriptural? You bet it is.) So that the life of Jesus... (What do you mean by "the life"? He was raised from the dead. That's right. He can now walk and serve God) so that his life will be made manifest in our body. (This is a belief. This is an understanding that you apply.)

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death because of Jesus... We which live are always delivered unto death, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal (right now, here right now) flesh. (The life of Jesus can be in your mortal flesh.)

2Co 4:12 You see, death is working in us, life in you.

I don't know how much more needs to be stated to show this really is a Bible doctrine and this really is the truth. It really is glorious. Now listen, this is beyond glorious. This is how you put away all iniquity. Titus 2:14, *Christ died to redeem us from all iniquity so that he might have a people zealous of good works.* Well, this is how it happens, and we're trying to put it together. You have righteousness by faith if you believe this truth. But when you walk in it and carry it out, you will have righteousness by works.

I want to close this study with Galatians 2. I want to start at verse 17.

Gal 2:17 If while we seek to be righteous... (Well, that's righteousness by works. If you believe it, you have righteousness by faith.) But if, while we're seeking to be made righteous in Christ, we ourselves are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of that sin? No.

Gal 2:18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I'll make myself a transgressor.

So you don't want to walk backward. You want to keep seeking death every day and walking in a new life to God, the life of Jesus. Verse 19.

Gal 2:19 For I, through the law (through the instruction), am dead to the law, so that I can live unto God.

Gal 2:20 I'm crucified with Christ. (There it is. When he died, you died, if you can believe it.) Nevertheless, I'm living. (I live, yet it isn't me. I'm dying so that the life of Christ can be seen in my mortal flesh.) Christ is living in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I'm living by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:21 You see, I do not frustrate the grace of God. (He has turned the other cheek and gone the extra mile to bring us this truth.) If righteousness, if actions of love, come through the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

But we know actions of love don't come through the law. Actions of love come through the Holy Spirit. And you can be free from your anger and free from your lust and live unto God.

So again, this is part two of our last podcast. I pray this be a blessing to you, that we have just taken some extra time to lay this out and try to make it clear.

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, I worship you. We all worship you. We want to live godly and live unto you and glorify you. So we pray for your leading. I pray these words make a difference in your church and that you are glorified in Jesus' name. Amen.