

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS

#13: Dead with Christ

“Dead with Christ”? Is Christ dead? Have you died yet? Have you had a near-death experience? The Bible says that if you are a Christian then you have died. The point made in the various passages on death with Christ is about a death to the old self, the old ways, the OSHGEN (the old-sin-human-good-evil-nature). It is a positional truth that you do not experience.

Jesus so completely represented us on the cross that, when He died, it is said that we died. We are to mentally reckon, intellectually acknowledge, meditate on, think in such a way as to consider ourselves dead to sin.

This is an important truth that God wants us to understand. This is not to be viewed as some quick fix or end-all for the spiritual life. The point here is that the believer is to so grasp the reality of the crucifixion and of Jesus’ bearing of our sins, all of them, that we acknowledge our deadness to sin in His death. It is the admission that we are saved by the sacrifice of Jesus, and that we are “in Christ” and reckoned as dead to sin because of Him. Our minds are important battlegrounds in the war of sanctification and it begins with the positional death of our old selves judged on the cross of Christ.

The positional nature of this truth is obvious when one considers how we still struggle with sin in our experiential lives. Just as we have been perfected in heaven and are still imperfect on earth, so we are identified as dead to sin in heaven, yet we still struggle with sin. The positional truths are all designed to get us to focus on our new permanent position in heaven which is far different from our fluctuations on earth.

We are to focus on our positional realities and by so doing consider ourselves *dead* to sin and *alive* in Christ. This is a fantastic resource for the spiritual life.

Positional truth:

#13 Died with Christ

Romans 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Colossians 2:20 If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as,

Colossians 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

2 Timothy 2:11 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him;

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