

HOW TO DIE TO SIN

Romans 6:1-8

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Introduction: It is a known fact that everybody sins and according to the Bible sin is what separates a person from God and will ultimately cause a person to become eternally separated from God and spend eternity in a place prepared for sinners, a place called "Hell." However, there is some good news and that is that it is possible for a person to be freed from the grip of sin and to be able to be restored to God's favor and spend eternity in a place called "Heaven." The Bible calls being "free from sin" involves "death." Being "dead" to sin is how it works.

I. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF "DEATH"

1. There is Natural death - the death of one's human body.
2. There is Spiritual death - which is death in sin. It is a total depravity, a state of complete alienation from God.
3. There is Eternal death - which is the endless existence in Hell.
4. There is Death to sin - which is what frees one from eternal death.

II. TO BE FREE FROM SIN REQUIRES BEING DEAD TO SIN

1. *Romans 6:3-8*
2. Those who have believed in Jesus Christ and have been baptized by the Holy Spirit, in God's eyes, have died to sin, been buried, planted, crucified in respect to sin.

III. ONE'S CONDITION IN BEING DEAD TO SIN

1. Being dead to sin is the total annihilation of all selfishness and God's perfect love reigning in a person's heart and life.

IV. WHAT BEING DEAD TO SIN INVOLVES

1. Being dead TO sin is the opposite of death IN sin.
 - Death IN sin is living for self, being dead to God's glory and interests.
 - Death TO sin is putting one's own interests and happiness away and living totally and wholly to the glory of God and His Kingdom.
2. Being dead IN sin is when a person's will is opposed to God's will.
 - It is never submitting to God's will and God's will having no influence on that person.
 - Death TO sin is when a person's will is totally under the control of God's will.
3. Being dead IN sin is having a self-indulgent state of mind.
 - A person seeks ONLY his own ease, happiness and interests in mind.
 - Death TO sin is when a person is self-denying, thinking of others first and how to be of help to them.
4. Being dead IN sin is when a person considers him/herself as his/her own "boss."
 - Death TO sin is when a person considers him/herself belonging to God.
5. Being dead IN sin is when a person seeks his/her own reputation above all.
 - Death TO sin is when a person does not seek/try to impress anybody, being content as Jesus was.
6. Being dead IN sin is when a person thinks of what he/she has as his/her own.
 - Death TO sin is when a person considers all that he/she has as belonging to God.
7. Being dead IN sin is when a person is controlled by his/her fleshly wants.
 - Death TO sin is when a person submits his/her body and soul to God for His use and keeping.

8. Being dead IN sin is when a person is influenced by things of the world, honors, riches, etc and has the idea that he/she will live forever, never thinking of facing God one day.
 - Death TO sin is when a person gives up all things of the world and puts the things of God first.

V. HOW A PERSON BECOMES DEAD TO SIN

1. A person cannot become dead to sin by making up his/her mind to do so.
2. A person cannot become dead to sin with his/her own power as everyone is enslaved to sin and it cannot be put down by a person's own efforts.
3. A person can become dead to sin when his/her mind/life is affected by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
 - It is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that opens a person's being to the Holy Spirit.
 - If a person is to be baptized (indwelt) with the Holy Spirit, he/she must take the promises of Jesus by faith and turn his/her entire existence over to Jesus and to the influence of the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION:

1. Being dead TO sin does not mean being totally sinless.
 - Being dead IN sin does not mean total depravity.
 - Each person determines how much sin he/she will be influenced by.
2. Being dead IN sin a person can still do things which seem to be good, righteous.
 - Being dead TO sin a person can still do things which seem to be sinful.
3. No person should wait till the closing of his/her life to decide to die TO sin for to do so is to exhibit selfishness and uselessness to God.
4. Those who have died TO sin will experience times of needing a refreshing of the Holy Spirit for the world is full of temptation and as long as a person lives on this earth, he/she is never out of danger.
5. If sin of any kind, form or degree is allowed to live, it will have dominion.
 - All sin must be totally removed or it will rule.
6. Believer, Christian, until you are aware that you are dead and have been buried by spiritual baptism unto the Lord Jesus Christ's death, until you are with Him in Heaven, DO NOT REST.