



Community Group Study Guide



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Series: "In Christ": "If We Die With Him"
Scripture: Romans 6:1-14, Romans 8:1-17
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Questions for your consideration:

Read Galatians 2:20 several times. If you do not have it memorized, take time as a group to memorize it. You should have this verse in your "repertoire"!

Wherever you read a scripture that speaks of being united with Christ, or "in Christ", you will almost always find nearby, words that speak also of being united with him in his death so that we may be united with him in his resurrection. You cannot be united with Christ if you do not also "die with him". The best description of this is in Romans 6:1-14. Jesus said a similar thing when he said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

Two questions (They really are different!)

- How do you "put to death" your old, sinful nature?
- How do you yourself "die" to sin?

(Hint: It helps to be more specific – How do you "put to death" lust, sexual impurity, greed, bitterness, etc., in your heart? How do you yourself "die" to these things?)

(Does the scriptures harshness towards sin strike you at all? Paul says not to entertain it, let it lay dormant, feed it, cultivate it, practice it, nurture it, hide it, etc. He says kill it!)

Last question:

How do you come alive to the things of God? To a life in the Spirit?