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A Complete and Effective Decision about Sin

Knowing this, our old person was crucified with Christ, so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. Romans 6:6

Co-Crucifixion. Have you made the following decision about sin that, it must be completely killed in you? It takes a long time to come to the point of making this complete and effective decision about sin. It is, however, the greatest moment in your life once you decide that sin must die in you, not simply be restrained, suppressed, or counteracted, but crucified - just as Jesus Christ died for the sin of the world (and died to the power of sin in our human nature). No one can bring anyone else to this decision. We may be mentally and spiritually convinced, but what we need to do is actually make the decision that Paul urged us to do in this passage.

Pull yourself up, take some time alone with God, and make this important decision, saying Lord, identify me with (conform me to) Your death until I know that sin is dead in me. Make the moral decision that sin in you must be put to death (and stay dead Luke 9:23).

This was not some divine future expectation on the part of Paul, but was a very radical and definite experience in his life. Are you prepared to let the Spirit of God search you until you know what the level and nature of sin is in your life (see Isaiah 53:6, Rom 6:16) to see the very things that struggle (war) against God's Spirit in you? If so, will you then agree with God's verdict on the nature of sin that it should be identified with (conformed to) the death of Jesus? You cannot reckon (believe) yourselves to be dead indeed to sin (Rom 6:11) unless you have radically dealt with the issue of your will (soul) before God.

Have you entered into the glorious privilege of being crucified with Christ, until all that remains in your flesh and blood is His life? I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me... (Galatians 2:20).