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"SOVEREIGN GOD" A STUDY IN ISAIAH



"DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD" ROMANS 5:12-6:14

I. DEAD OR ALIVE?

- A. All people are in one of two states: In <u>Adam</u> or in <u>Christ</u> (the last Adam)
 - 1. We are all born "in <u>Adam</u>" and will remain there unless death and rebirth takes place in us. In Adam, we all die for the wages of sin is death Adam is the "old man" in us (characteristics of being "in Adam")
 - 2. Some, by faith, have been born again and placed "in <u>Christ</u>". Christ formed in those who have died with Christ and been reborn is the "new man" in us
- B. The "old man" in me is crucified with Christ and I have <u>died</u> to <u>sin</u>. This is the test of <u>faith</u> or <u>experience</u> as the dominate factor in living a life justified by God
- C. For me to experience this reality, I have to die to the false system of "seeing is believing" and put trust in the Word and Work of the Christ, my creator/redeemer
 - 1. "Reckon" it to be as God has said Rom 6:11
 - 2. Act on that truth Rom 6:12-13



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II. LIVING DEAD TO SIN, ALIVE TO GOD

- A. <u>Faith</u> is the operating principle of this age; without it one cannot please God or live a reasonable life
- B. The power of the <u>mind</u>: Determines perspective; gives motivation; designs plans; sets direction; reasons and improves the state of the man
- C. Saving faith is the mind <u>agreeing</u> with God and <u>accepting</u> Him as the Authority for all.
- D. Before one can live alive to God, He must agree with God that, through Christ, he is dead to the old system and continue in that. He is not under the rule of sin and death, revealed by the law. Sin is conquered, death is finished and the law is completed
- E. He must <u>agree</u> with God that He is alive to God by means of Christ's resurrection from the dead. He lives now in the realm of <u>grace</u>
- F. As a free man, now a slave of Christ, he makes a new practice of setting new <u>habits</u>
- G. He learns the principle of put off/put on
 - 1. He puts off surrendering his body to sin
 - 2. He puts on surrendering his body to be instruments of <u>righteousness</u> to <u>God</u>
- H. He knows he is no longer condemned
- I. He lives by faith and the Spirit of God