

CURSING SIN AND KILLING DEATH

1 Peter 2:21-25

Romans 6:5-14

2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup>And it is to this you were called; because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving you an example so that you should follow in His steps. <sup>22</sup>He never sinned, and no deceitful language was ever heard from His mouth. <sup>23</sup>When He was reviled, He did not answer with reviling; when He suffered, He uttered no threats, but left His wrongs in the hands of the righteous Judge. <sup>24</sup>The burden of our sins He Himself carried in His own body to the Cross and bore it there, so that we, having died so far as our sins are concerned, may live righteous lives. By His wounds yours have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like lost sheep, but now you have come back to the Shepherd, and Protector of your souls. **1 Peter 2:21-25 Weymouth**

Jesus became the greatest liar, perjurer, thief, adulterer, and murderer that mankind has ever known - not because He committed these sins but because He was actually made sin for us. **Martin Luther**

In the Cross, sin is cursed and cancelled, in the Cross, grace is victorious and available. **G. Campbell Morgan**

For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in *and* through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness]. **2 Corinthians 5:21 AMPC**

You rest in the forgiveness of sin when the thought of God does not remind you of the sin but that it is forgiven, when the past is not a memory of how much you trespassed but of how much you have been forgiven. **Soren Kierkegaard**

Christ rose again, but our sins did not; they are buried forever in His grave. **John Brown**

Because the Sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me. **Charitie Lees de Chen**

For in view of the fact that we are those who have become permanently united with Him with respect to the likeness of His death, certainly also we shall be those who as a logical result have become permanently united with Him with respect to the likeness of His resurrection, knowing

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this experientially, that our old [unregenerate] self was crucified once for all with Him in order that the physical body [heretofore] dominated by the sinful nature might be rendered inoperative [in that respect], with the result that no longer we are rendering a slave's habitual obedience to the sinful nature, for the one who died once for all stands in the position of a permanent relationship of freedom from the sinful nature. Now, in view of the fact that we died once for all with Christ, we believe that we shall also live by means of Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised up from among those who are dead, no longer dies. Death over Him no longer exercises lordship. For the death He died, He died with respect to our sinful nature once for all. But the life He lives, He lives with respect to God.

Thus, also, as for you, you be constantly counting upon the fact that, on the one hand, you are those who have been separated from the sinful nature, and, on the other, that you are living ones with respect to God in Christ Jesus. Stop therefore allowing the sinful nature to reign as king in your mortal body with a view to obeying it [the body] in its passionate cravings. Moreover, stop putting your members at the disposal of the sinful nature as weapons of the unrighteousness, but by a once-for-all act and at once, put yourselves at the disposal of God as those who are actively alive out from among the dead, and put your members as weapons of righteousness at the disposal of God, for [then] the sinful nature will not exercise lordship over you, for you are not under law but under grace. **Romans 6:5-14 Wuest NT**

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We Christians often use the words 'Christ died to save us from our sins.' He shows us the limitless measure of God's love and that draws our hearts to Him. He makes known to us God's forgiveness, not only in His teaching, but by the fact of His own forgiveness of those who brought Him to the cross. There is something more which is difficult to describe - He works within us, assuring us of God's forgiveness, changing our hearts towards sin and selfishness and sharing His risen life so that sin, though it may attack us, need find no entry. **George Appleton**