

A new Living Way -2
Walking the way of the Cross
Heb 10 19-22

Through sin, man was driven out of Paradise, away from the presence and fellowship of God. God in His mercy sought, from the beginning, to restore the broken fellowship.

To this end He gave to Israel, through the shadowy types of the Tabernacle, the expectation of a time to come, when the wall of partition should be removed, so that His people might dwell in His presence.

In the Old covenant only the High priest can go to the Holy of holies once in a year Hebrews 9.7

But in the New Covenant we can enter in to the most holy place all the time Hebrews 4.16

Day of Atonement - Leviticus 16.

- Offer sacrifices = Calvary, denying ourselves.
- Wash himself = god's word. Eph.5.26
- Wear the linen clothes = simplicity
- Sabbath rest = communion with God

Since we are living in the Most Holy place all the time, we have to live with this ATTITUDE ALWAYS. .

This way is called "the new and living way" (Heb.10:20).

How Jesus did accomplish it?

By rending the veil - his flesh.

How can we walk in this new living way?

It is the way of the cross.

There are two aspects of the cross substitution & participation.

Romans 6 . ⁸ *We died with Christ. So we believe that we will also live with him.*

Paul speaks of it as "always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus" (2 Cor.4:10).

Therefore, in His salvation the Lord Jesus had to accomplish both aspects: to save man **from the punishment of sin** and **to save man from the power of sin.**

The way to deal with the old man:

The way God deals with the old man is to **crucify him.**

The old man has to die.

4 deaths the bible talks about

- Physical death Hebrews 9.27
- The end of life in the present world.
- Spiritual death Romans.6.23

- Life of alienation from god because of sin
- Eternal death or second death
- Rev.20.6,14: 21.8
- Death to self

Romans 5.21- 5.21

Romans 6-8

Substitution

Identification

He died for me

I died with him.

He died for my sins

He died unto sin

He paid sin's penalty

He broke sin's power

Justification

Sanctification

Righteousness imputed

Righteousness imparted

Put into my account.

Made a part of my life

Saved by his death.

Saved by his life.

What is the result of this dying ?(identifying with his death)

Behind every death, there is resurrection.

- one fact—"that our old man has been crucified with Him,"

- one result—"that the body of sin might be annulled," = unemployed.
- one goal—"that we should no longer serve sin as slaves."

But how can we achieve this?

III. How do you do this in practical terms?

1. **Believe** It is a fact that the Lord Jesus has already died for you. It is also a fact that you have already died with the Lord Jesus. We need to believe in the Lord's death for us and our death with Him.

2. **Reckon- count yourself – consider.** Romans 6:11 **What is reckoning?**

- "Reckoning" is an act of faith; "reckoning" is the application of faith;
- "reckoning" is the judgment of the will and the execution of the will.
- Philippians 3.7
- To reckon is an act as well as an attitude.

The cross makes it possible for the believers to overcome sin; the Holy Spirit makes real in the believers' lives what the cross has accomplished.

The Holy Spirit will lead us to victory in the Lord Jesus.
(Rom. 6:14).

3.Yield - 2 Cor.4:10).

"I am crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20).

"If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23).

- **Deny the self.**
- **Take up the cross daily.**
- **Follow the Lord**

The way of the cross is the way of death to self , flesh and world. It is the way of life.

Conclusion

Believe the fact that Jesus died for your sin – you are died with him.

Consider- count – reckon – yourself as dead to sin

Yield - your body as the instruments – tools- of righteousness.

Recommended reading :

Watchman Nee "The Normal Christian Life," "Spiritual Reality or Obsession." Words from the Cross

Ann Murray: The power of the Blood of Jesus.

A.W. Tozer : The pursuit of God

Pierce Johnson : Dying in to Life.

Martin Lloyd Jones : The Cross

Warren. W. Wiersbe : Be right