

**Real change:
What sin does to us**

Romans 6

Genesis 3

A journey of change: Changing character, not behavior

I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

~~I have to crucify my ambitions and serve
Jesus~~

~~Christ lives in me to help when I can't do it
Jesus helps me get my life together~~

“There was a man who had two sons”
Luke 15

Did the two sons ever stop being sons?

Their position in the family was determined by their birth, not how they felt

Both sons expressed who they believed they were, but what did their father call them?

Prodigal: work to get back into the family

Older: slaving for what he already had

Who we are is determined by birth; what the Father says about us, not how we feel

My old self was crucified, buried and rose
with Christ Romans 6: 3 - 8 *(ESV)*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, we too might walk in newness of life

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For the one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Crucified, buried, resurrected

We were united (fused) with Jesus in His crucifixion, burial and resurrection

Our old self and our sins remain in the grave

Our new man was raised into newness of life

Jesus was raised into a new resurrection body

We are raised into a new spiritual life in our old decaying body until our new spirit (*new self*) is united with our resurrection body

Jesus showed us how to live “*yet not I, but Christ lives in me*” Galatians 2: 20

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me John 14: 10, 11

Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. John 14: 19, 20

Jesus comes into us through the Holy Spirit

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. John 14: 16

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on
the tree 1 Peter 2: 24

“I will remember their sins and their lawless
deeds no more” Hebrews 10: 17

The sins I committed throughout my life were
forgiven long before I was born

Our sins were taken by Jesus on the cross,
buried and left behind, never to be
remembered by God

Is sin important to me now? What does it do?

What sin does to me as a Christian

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

Ephesians 4: 26, 27

An area set aside, foothold, opportunity, a stronghold

sin as a specific action (verb), not Sin as a noun as we read in Romans 6, 7

The Fall: Genesis 3

The setting: Genesis 2

And the man and his wife were both naked
and were not ashamed.

“In him we live and move and have our
being” Paul in Athens

Acts 17: 28

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked?”

What sin did to Adam and Eve

Their spirit died, it was no longer alive to God, but was now alive to Satan

They felt shame (they had been naked before)

They hid

They isolated themselves (*“the woman whom you gave to me”.....*)

Their concept of God changed *“I heard the sound of you in the garden and I was afraid”*

What did God do?

He came for His walk in the garden

What was the tone of God's questions:

“Where are you?”

“Who told you that you were naked?”

“have you eaten from the tree...?”

God came in the cool of the day - wind (spirit)

Did He come thundering in.....

.....or was He gentle breeze

What did Adam and Eve do?

They hid, they withdrew from God

They tried to do something to make themselves presentable to God (*religion*)

They isolated themselves from each other

Were they still in “Acts 17: 28”?

Sin caused them to change, not God

What sin (*action*) does to us

sin still causes us to hide from God

sin still creates shame

sin still isolates us from each other

sin still causes us to want to work, to
appease, to make ourselves presentable,
repent by doing something (*loincloths*)

sin still causes us to forget who we are

sin still gives the devil a foothold

If our sins are gone, what is the role of confession?

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Ephesians 4: 26, 27

Our old self is dead, we are new creations with a new spirit, we are “*Christ lives in me*”

All of our sins are forgiven and forgotten
Then why confess?