

Alive to God

God's ultimate intention is relationship 2x

God's desire is to have an intimate connection with each of us.

The Apostle Paul called this intimate connection being **"Alive to God."**

Rom 6:11 (NAS95) Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

In the letter to the Romans Paul outlines a path of life - to becoming fully alive, alert and connected to God.

1. **Consider** yourself dead to sin.
2. Don **Let** sin reign
3. **Present** your bodies to God

Consider - Let - Present.

But before we look at this path we need to know what is at the end of the path that will make the journey worth it.

Alive ζάω zāō - is how one spends ones life.

The end of the Journey is to be tightly connected to God and Paul thinks its worth it - do you?

To be connected like Jesus was.

Joh 5:19 (TPT) So Jesus said, "I speak to you timeless truth. The Son is not able to do anything from himself or through my own initiative. I only do the works that **I see the Father** doing, for the Son does the same works as his Father.

So Jesus clearly saw the Father doing things.

Joh 5:20 (TPT) "Because the Father loves his Son so much, **he always reveals to me everything that he is about to do.** And you will all be

amazed when he shows me even greater works than what you've seen so far!

And then

Joh 12:49 (AMPC) This is because I have never spoken on My own authority or of My own accord or as self-appointed, but the Father Who sent Me **has Himself given Me orders [concerning] what to say and what to tell.** [Deu 18:18-19]

This is being connected.

This is what God wants, the type of interaction He wants, with you and with me.

To see Him clearly, to hear Him clearly to always have revealed to us what He is about to do.

So why isn't that our present reality?

Because of step 1 on the path It begins with considering yourself dead to sin.

Paul says there are two thing we need to consider.

- 1. Our relationship to sin**
- 2. Our relationship to God**

Relationship means connection

As long as sin plays even the tiniest of roles in our minds we can not be completely alive, alert and in tune with God.

Not even talking about the doing of sin just the consciousness of sin giving it space in your mind and heart.

Why, because sin will always make us feel ashamed, condemned and intimidated.

We can't be those righteously bold.

Pro 28:1 (NAS95) The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

We can't or won't come boldly before the throne of Grace? Why?

Heb 4:16 (MKJV) Therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Your degree of life is in direct proportion to your degree of death.

Until we realize that we are dead to sin. That sin has no power or even influence in our lives it will still have a voice.

As long as it has a voice we can't help but give it some sort of active role in our mind and life we can not be fully alive to God - cause sin is an agent of separation.

Being conscience of sin

Sin Consciousness (being aware of) can be traced as the reason for practically every spiritual failure of the child of God.

- It destroys faith.
- It destroys the initiative in the heart.
- It gives to man an inferiority complex."

If you don't consider yourself dead to sin. You can love God and yet be afraid of God.

Most people, in church, are more sin minded than God minded.

They are more aware of sin than they are of grace.

They struggle, always struggle to overcome and the enemy makes em' feel guilty for struggling.

The church is filled - not with overcomers but with people who are scared.

- Scared that they aren't good enough
- Scared that they don't measure up
- Scared that God is really pleased with them.

Easily intimidated.

This inferiority complex isn't the product of faith or grace its sin whispering in the ears of God's children, "*your not worthy, your not worthy your not worthy.*"

The sense of unworthiness destroys faith, robs us of our peace of mind, makes ineffectual the most earnest and zealous prayer life.

It robs us of all fellowship and communion with the Father.

Man's cure has been repentance of sins, sorrow for sins, and deep agony in prayer.

Others have tried to quiet their consciences by going to church, doing penance, fasting, giving money, saying prayers, doing good deeds, giving up pleasures, confessing their sins, fighting bad habits, putting themselves under discipline of self-denial and self-abasement, by neglecting the body.

But God's cure is grace.

The only way to free ourselves of the burden and agony of sin is to die to it.

Fully dead to sin will result in being fully alive to God.

He is to do two things, *one*, reckon himself dead to sin, *two*, reckon himself alive to God.

Paul is adamant! If you wanna live life in accordance with God's Word you must see yourself as dead to sin.

Many of us, myself included have tried to right to step 2 (Alive to God) we sing, we confess, we proclaim and secretly we feel ashamed.

We must by faith consider ourselves dead to sin first.

We must say, Sin you have no place in my life, no power of my actions, no influence in my mind - to you I say NO!

Rom 6:11 (TPT) So let it be the same way with you! Since you are now joined with him, you must continually view yourselves as dead and

unresponsive to sin's appeal while living daily for God's pleasure in union with Jesus, the Anointed One.

We have been disengaged from the evil nature, that it has no power over us anymore, that we are set free from it and can say a point blank NO to it.

But don't stop there - I have known churches that their entire ministry was to die to everything. Not just sin but to everything!

Ours is not a religion of death.

God never ends on a negative!

Just as you consider yourself dead to sin you must also "Since you are now joined with him, you must continually view yourselves as alive and responsive to grace's appeal"

Now, reckoning one's self dead to sin and alive to God does not make one so.

The Christian who does not count upon the fact that the divine nature is implanted in his inner being, goes on living his Christian life as best he can more or less in the energy of his own strength with the result that he exhibits a mediocre Christian experience.

But the believer who counts upon the fact that he is a possessor of the divine nature, ceases from his own struggles at living a Christian life, and avails himself of the life of God supplied in the divine nature.

Gal 2:20 (NASB) "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

In the very next verse Paul says, " I do not nullify the grace of God..."

Here is a good place to end for today.