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 Bible Study..... 9:30 AM  
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Goals For 2022  
 Theme  
Be Ye Imitators of Christ  
Attendance: Sunday Bible Study: 40:  
Sunday AM: 50  
Sunday PM: 40: Wednesday Bible Study: 30

Giving: Meet Our Yearly Budget

Invitations: 130

Every Member Committed To Daily Bible Reading

Every Member Committed To Daily Prayer

Every Member Committed To Be At Every Service

Support the Work in Vincennes, Indiana  
Hold A Men's Training Class

Hold One Gospel Meeting

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**Gary Henry**  
*is preaching today*

**We are now in week #14 of our Daily Bible Reading.**

**Prayer List**  
 Lynn Maudlin, Mark Maudlin  
 Sharon Nale, Polly Ward  
 Les & Novema Dunn  
 Debby Spears (Roseann's sis)  
 Sharon Thompson, Kay Thompson  
 Gene Ward & Beth McFarland  
 Brooke Thomas, Pam Caudill  
 Debbie Lewellen, Cathie Hall

**THIS MONTH: "Glorified God"**  
 Jn. 13:31; 17:4; Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 4:11

**Who Have You Invited To Services This week?**

**Lord's Supper Reading**  
 Acts 20:1-7

**Scripture Reading**  
 AM: John 17:1-5  
 PM: Romans 6:3,4

**Encouragement Tally**  
 Invites this month: 19  
 Invites last month: 25  
 Visitors YTD: 3

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Our Theme for 2022...  
**"Being Imitators of Christ"**  
 1 Cor. 11:1  
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**SEEKING THE GLORY OF GOD**

**Welcome!**  
 If you're visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and we want you to feel like our honored guest! We also want you to know that all we're interested in here at the Clarksville Church of Christ is the Truth. Jesus said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. The truth He's talking about is God's word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them by thy truth, Thy word is truth." John 17:17. Therefore we hope you'll appreciate that we'll give you book, chapter and verse from the Bible, the word of God, for everything that we say or do here today, so that everything that we do may bring glory unto God, I Pet. 4:11.

**Reading: John 17:1-5**

**Introduction**  
 One of the most striking things about Jesus' example is His continual focus on the glorification of God - Jn. 17:1-5.  
 It is a serious matter when we fail to give God the glory which He is due, as Herod did - Ac. 12:21-23. In a sense, everything we do is to glorify God — but let's consider some aspects of our lives more specifically.

**GRATITUDE AND PRAISE OF GOD**  
 This is probably the most conspicuous way in which we can glorify God - Lk. 5:25,26; 18:42,43. In an unbelieving culture in which God is not thanked or glorified (Rom. 1:21), our gratitude is going to stand out.

**ACCEPTANCE OF WRONGFUL SUFFERING**  
 God is glorified when we humbly accept mistreatment without giving in to anger or retaliation - 1 Pt. 4:16. If we were to be put to death for our faith, would we consider that a means of glorifying God? Cf. Jn. 21:19.

**SERVING AS VESSELS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES**  
 Whether he lived or died, Paul wanted only that "Christ will be magnified in my body" (Phil. 1:20,21). Whether in speaking or acting, we should say or do what God would say or do - 1 Pt. 4:11.

**EVANGELISM**  
 Our great desire should be that "the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified" (2 Thess. 3:1). Could there be any greater glorification of God than to speak of His plan of salvation to our neighbors?

**UNITY IN THE LORD'S WORK**  
 We must work hard to maintain unity so we may "with one mind and one mouth" glorify God - Rom. 15:5,6. Personal grievances should be sacrificed in order to preserve God's glory in our midst - 1 Cor. 6:1-7.

**Conclusion**  
 It is not enough for us to claim to be the Lord's disciples — fruit must be borne that glorifies God - Jn. 15:8. We should have no higher goal in life than to "let our lights shine" in such a way that others will be led to glorify God - Mt. 5:14-16.

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# DYING WITH CHRIST

Reading: Romans 6:3,4

## Introduction

"This is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him" (2 Tim. 2:11). It is in baptism that we die with Christ - Rom. 6:3,4.

## WHY WE NEED TO DIE WITH CHRIST

Atonement for our sins had to be provided by Christ's death - 1 Pt. 2:24. Cf. Rom. 3:25,26. We would be helpless to save ourselves without Christ's sacrifice - Rom. 5:6-8. We cannot save ourselves by the mere effort to be more obedient - Rom. 7:21-24. Only through Christ's sacrifice can we be "reconciled" to God - Rom. 5:11. Cf. 2 Cor. 5:18. It should be love and gratitude that motivate us to live for Him - 2 Cor. 5:14,15.

## DYING WITH CHRIST IN BAPTISM

As we have seen in the previous lessons in this series, all the other steps lead up to forgiveness, but it is in baptism that our sins are washed away - Ac. 22:16. If it is in baptism that we "die with Christ," then the question "Have you been baptized?" becomes very important. Baptism is not an arbitrary action required by God — it is the act in which, according to God's design, we die to our old life and become "new" in Christ - Col. 2:12. Cf. 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; 3:27. If we're thinking rightly, we would want to be baptized "in the same hour of the night" (Ac. 16:33,34). Cf. 8:35,36. Jesus' commission to His apostles included the command to baptize those who were receptive to the gospel: "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:19).

## DYING WITH CHRIST IS A DECISION

Dying with Christ is not automatic; it is a matter of choice - Col. 3:1-11. Cf. Rom. 6:1-8. Our decision is one we must continue to remember and re-make daily - Col. 2:6. Cf. Lk. 9:23. The command to "be faithful" (Rev. 2:10) is a command we can obey — and we must choose to obey it. Importance of the Lord's Supper each week as a reminder. In this observance, we remember not only that Christ died (1 Cor. 11:26) but that we have died with Him! "He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:15).

Commitment involved. How committed are you to "walking in newness of life"?

## Conclusion

**Those willing to die with Christ must be willing to share in His shame and His suffering.**

**Going "outside the camp, bearing His reproach" (Hb. 13:12,13).**

**Sharing the "fellowship of His sufferings" (Phil. 3:10,11). Cf. Col. 1:24; 1 Pt. 4:13.**

**So to "confess Christ" and "die with Him," we must be willing to take our stand with Him, openly and courageously - Mt. 10:32,33.**

**Have you died with Christ, receiving the forgiveness of your sins and becoming a disciple of His?**

**What hinders you from obeying the gospel? Cf. Ac. 22:16.**

# Dying with Christ

The saying is trustworthy, for: "If we have died with him, we will also live with him" (2 Timothy 2:11).

The little word "if" is a powerful word. If salvation depends on dying with Christ, it's important to know what this means.

## BAPTISM

If it is in baptism that we die with Christ (Romans 6:3,4), we should not expect the benefits of Christ's death unless we're willing to die with Him in this way. But there is more.

## INTENT TO DIE TO SIN

The objective fact of God's forgiveness of our sins at baptism is accompanied by a subjective fact in our hearts: we intend to die to sin. That is, we commit ourselves to walking "in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Just as Christ died on the cross, the condemnation for our sins is removed when we die with Him in baptism. But it is not only the guilt of our sins in the past that must be done away with; the practice of sin in the present must also die. This part of dying with Christ must not be left out. We must decide that our old practices are dead and gone.

## PUTTING SIN TO DEATH DAILY

Having died with Christ in baptism and committed ourselves to living rightly, we must carry out that commitment on a daily basis. Our dying with Christ is a fact (it happened when we were baptized), but it is also a command. It was not to the unbaptized but to those who had died with Christ that Paul wrote, "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you" (Colossians 3:5). We may have been quite sincere in turning to Christ, but Satan will keep trying to destroy us — so "put to death what is earthly in you" is a command we will never get finished obeying in this life. The older devotional writers used to talk about the "daily mortification of the flesh," and perhaps we need to get back to that kind of thinking. You may prefer more modern words than "mortification," but don't ever underestimate this aspect of dying with Christ.

So let's come back to that little word "if." According to Paul, we will live with Christ "if" we have died with Him. We would not have been baptized into Christ "if" we had not decided to die with Him. It was a choice. And our old self will not stay dead "if" we refuse to let go of what used to be important to us. We must deny ourselves and take up our cross. That is also a choice.

***"You will be dead so long as you refuse to die"*** (George MacDonald).