

## OUR DEATH TO SIN

Believers experience a personal death of the old way of life that we experienced before we were born again by the Spirit of God. The Apostle Paul calls our death “a death to sin” in that we die in our old relationship with bondage to sin and become alive to our new relationship with God in Christ. Paul says that our old life is crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed so that we should not serve sin.

Romans 6:6

For he that is dead is freed from sin. Romans 6:7 How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Romans 6:2

Believers must practice being dead to sin so that sin will not reign in our mortal body by obeying the lusts that arise. Romans 6:11,12

Believers must choose not to yield our bodies as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but rather yield our bodies unto God, as those alive from the dead, as instruments of righteousness unto God. Romans 6:13

Sin should not have dominion over us who are in Christ. Romans 6:14

Animal sacrifices in the Old Testament were pictures of a person's death to sin, our death to the old natural cravings of our bodies. First, animal sacrifices reminded the people of Israel of their personal and national sin. And last, the shed blood and death of the animal reminded them of their need for cleansing from sin, that is, a death to sin and a life of obedience to God. Hebrews 10:3

The actual taking away of sin has always been attributed to the power of God in the life of a person or a nation. Animal sacrifices never were described as taking away sin. But the power of God in the life of a person or a nation does depend upon the cooperation of humans to obediently embrace God through repentance and faith.

Hebrews 10:4,26

**The sacrifice of Jesus does effectively take away the sin of the world. John 1:29  
God allowed sin to kill the innocent, sinless, physical body of Jesus so that sin would  
be condemned sufficiently for its atrocities. Romans 8:3      Matthew 21:33-39**

**The sacrifice of Jesus effectively defeated sin, death, and Satan because God raised  
Jesus with all authority to remove sin, death, and Satan from all Creation. Jesus is  
effectively removing sin today from believers as they follow Him. Jesus will eventually  
remove all sin, death, and Satanic powers from all Creation according to Scripture.**

**Colossians 2:12-15**

**When humans sin willfully by refusing to repent, that is, turn to God for sin removal  
and for life unto righteousness, there is no other sacrifice for sin than Jesus' sacrifice.  
Faith is exercising our knowledge of the truth of God by turning to Him for deliverance  
from bondage to sin to a life of holiness. Through faith we are born again to new  
creations in Christ and then experience this purpose for His glory. Hebrews 10:26**