Killing the Old Man (Romans 6:6)

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INTRODUCTION

- We don't bury the living, but we bury the dead.
- We have to bury ourselves in baptism, and to do that, we have to first be crucified, and the body of sin must be done away with.
- Maybe there's some similarities in what Jesus experienced in his death.

1 An Agonizing Decision

Mark 14:32–36; John 12:23–28; Hebrews 2:18

- Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but you will.
- So our decision to ultimately submit to the Lord and obey him might similarly be agonizing for us.
- But none of those difficulties, none of those challenges change what needs to be done.
- Doing the right thing is often not doing the easy thing.
- But when we make that hard choice, that hard decision, we glorify God.

2 Opposition From Kin

Matthew 10:33–39; Luke 8:21; Acts 13:27

- For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a man's enemies will be the members of his household.
- By making a stand, even in the face of the opposition of our loved ones, of our kin, we serve God's purpose and we teach and we glorify him.
- But the ironic thing is we gain a family like no other.
- My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.

3 The Shedding of Blood

Matthew 27:29; Hebrews 12:3–4; 1 Corinthians 6:11

- You have not yet resisted the point of shedding blood and you're striving against sin.
- Sometimes striving against sin will require the shedding of blood, maybe even literally.
- It's going to be a drastic change from what we once were.
- If we haven't changed, we haven't repented. We have to crucify the old man before we can be buried.
- Such were some of you, but you were washed and you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 Mockery That Will Bring Up Old Sins

1 Timothy 1:15–17

- Mockery that oftentimes will bring up the sins that we used to walk in.
- Sometimes a hypocrite is nothing more than a man who is in the process of changing.
- So your willingness to put away those things attacks the conscience of those who were still walking in it.
- And your decision to change your life will glorify God. And people are going to notice. And whether they approve or not, God is glorified either way.

5 It's a Slow Death

Romans 6:10–11; 2 Timothy 2:10–12

- It can be a slow and a painful and agonizing death sometimes.
- The old man's not going to go away quietly. Satan's not going to give us up without a fight.
- Consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- So when we persevere in that, in putting the old man to death and die with Christ, we glorify God.

THE CHALLENGE

We can glorify God today by choosing to kill the old man, the former self, by choosing to repent, making that choice today.

MY NOTES