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  - A. This does not mean:
    - A. We are immune to sin or temptation
    - B. We will not sin
  - B. It means that we are dead to the old life (what we were "in Adam") and cannot go back to it.
    - A. Because our "old man" was crucified (*past fact*) with Christ (v.2 and v.6) we are to count ourselves as "dead to sin" in Christ Jesus

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2. We are "alive to God in Christ Jesus"
  - Something about us died with Christ and something about us is alive with Christ.
    - What died?
      - What we were "in Adam"
    - What then is alive?
      - What we are "in Christ"

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Considering ourselves alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- A. We need to understand what is alive in us.
  - Not our flesh!
    - **Romans 7:18** – nothing good dwells in "my flesh"
      - "the flesh" refers to the natural sense of human self-interest (as contrasted by God-interest).
    - **2 Cor. 1:9** – "we should not trust in ourselves"
    - **2 Cor. 3:5** – nothing coming from "me"
    - **2 Cor. 4:7** – the "power" is from God, not us!

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- A. We need to understand what is alive in us.
- B. Better: We need to understand **Who** is alive in us! (**Romans 7:24**)
  - Jesus lives His life through us by His Spirit
    - **2 Cor. 3:6** – "but the Spirit gives life."
    - **John 10:10** – abundant life is Him living His life through us!

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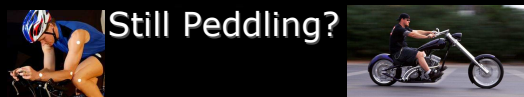
- C. We need to learn to walk by the Spirit
  - **Gal. 5:16,17** – "walk by the Spirit"
  - **Eph. 2:10** – walk in our newness!
  - **1 Cor. 3:16** – we are temples of God where His Spirit dwells!
  - **2 Tim. 1:17** – He has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of **POWER, LOVE, and DISCIPLINE**
  - **Gal. 5:22** – "but the fruit of the Spirit is..."

Are you peddling or steering?  
Is it you (trying), or Him (trusting)?

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Too many of us are caught *acting* as Christians. The life of many Christians today is largely a pretense. They live a "spiritual" life, talk a "spiritual" language, adopt "spiritual" attitudes, but they are doing the whole thing themselves. It is the effort involved that should reveal to them that something is wrong. They force themselves to refrain from doing this, from saying that, from eating the other, and how hard they find it all! ... Nothing is so hurtful to the life of a Christian as acting; nothing so blessed as when our outward efforts cease and our attitudes become natural—when our words, our prayers, our very life, all become a spontaneous and unforced expression of the life within. (Watchman Nee—*Sit, Walk, Stand*)

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