

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

Part 3: "Stop Dancing With The Dead"

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP "DANCING" WITH DEAD THINGS IN MY LIFE IS TO...

1. ...STOP _____ TO WHERE _____ ARE

"Jesus then turned to another and said, 'Come be my disciple.' He replied, 'Someday I will, Lord, but allow me first to fulfill my duty as a good son and wait until my father passes away.' Jesus told him, "Don't wait for your father's burial. Let those who are already dead wait for death. But as for you, go and proclaim everywhere that God's kingdom has arrived.' Still another said to him, 'Lord, I want to follow you too. But first let me go home and say good-bye to my entire family.' Jesus responded, 'Why do you keep looking backward to your past and have second thoughts about following me? When you turn back you are useless to God's kingdom realm."

Luke 9:59-62 (TPT)

"So do you think we should continue sinning so that God will give us more and more grace? Of course not! Our old sinful life ended. It's dead. So how can we continue living in sin? Did you forget that all of us became part of Christ Jesus when we were baptized? In our baptism we shared in his death. So when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and took part in his death. And just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father, so we can now live a new life. Christ died, and we have been joined with him by dying too. So we will also be joined with

him by rising from death as he did. We know that our old life was put to death on the cross with Christ. This happened so that our sinful selves would have no power over us. Then we would not be slaves to sin. Anyone who has died is made free from sin's control."

Romans 6:1-7 (ERV)

2. ...PUT A FINAL _____ IN _____

"Jesus Christ did the things God wanted him to do. And because of that, we are made holy through the sacrifice of Christ's body. Christ made that sacrifice one time—enough for all time."

Hebrews 10:10 (ERV)

"When he died, he died once and for all time. He did this to break the power of sin. Now that he lives, he lives in the power of God."

Romans 6:10 (NIRV)

"Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of redemption by his blood—the total cancellation of our sins—all because of the cascading riches of his grace."

Ephesians 1:7 (TPT)