

The Foundation of the Victorious Life

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The foundation truth of Romans 6 is the death-identification of the believer with Christ, which leads to resurrection life and victory over spiritual foes.

Scripture: Romans 6:4, Romans 6:10

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Description

Watchman Nee emphasizes that Romans 6 is the foundational truth for every believer's victorious life, revealing the significance of both Christ's death and resurrection. He explains that believers must identify with Christ's death to live in the resurrection life, where death has no dominion. Nee encourages believers to reckon themselves as alive unto God, rather than continually asking God to put to death their struggles. This understanding leads to empowerment in spiritual battles, as believers stand firm on the truth of their union with Christ. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a shift in perspective from death to life, enabling victory over spiritual foes.

Transcript

The sixth of Romans is not an aspect of the truth, but the FOUNDATION TRUTH upon which every believer must stand, to know anything about victory. It not only reveals the very heart of Calvary, but the very heart of the resurrection. Calvary means the death-identification of the believer with Christ, so that he lives and moves in a spiritual sphere in resurrection life. "Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. LIKEWISE RECKON YE also..." writes the Apostle to the Romans.

But we need to see too that there is a life side to the sixth of Romans, the resurrection side. On the resurrection side of the Cross, "death" hath no more dominion. The negative side of "death" should not be dwelt upon to the exclusion of the positive LIFE SIDE of union with Christ. The death is to be reckoned an accomplished fact, every moment. But "Christ being raised, dieth no more." He is ALIVE, and the believer identified by faith with Him in death, is united to Him in His life on the life-side of the Cross.

The believer must reckon to everything that he HAS died--not that he is going to die. If he again and again asks God to "put to death" some one point over and over again, he will never realize the positive life power. Reader are you saying, "I have not `died' to this and that." Take your position now on Romans 6. 6, and then "reckon" yourself "ALIVE UNTO GOD," and as you are alive unto God, you will surely come into the conflict with the spiritual foes in the spiritual sphere, described in Ephesians 6. 10-18, and standing on

the foundation fact of Romans 6, go on to victory.

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