



**PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY**

**SERVE NOW**  
**YOU CAN DIE LATER**

Gal 2:20NIV

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.  
The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

When you and I accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, our guaranteed eternal life with Him was secured in His promise. There is no greater blessing than to know that we never have to worry about losing such a great Salvation. But, once we realize and accept God's promises, we must begin our new life of serving Him by serving others in this world. Sometimes bad life and health experiences hit us so hard that we feel it would be a lot less painful, if we just closed our eyes and woke up with Christ. Well, for a believer in Jesus, that's exactly what would happen. But, the whole problem in our society and the Christian Faith today - is just that. Too many believers have become selfish in their Salvation. That's right, Christian selfishness is a sin that hurts the lost. When we get so caught up in our own security In Christ, that we neglect our personal responsibility to lead others to that security, then it is sin. With the great blessings that we have received, it is our Christian duty to share those blessings to whosoever God leads in our path. I have found that our excitement over our eternal home guarantee, often causes us to become lazy in our Christian work ethic. We see it easier to just lay down and die, than to stand with the pains of life and live for others. I am guilty my friends of this sin. It sounds good when I say that - (***"I'm not afraid to die because of Jesus"***). But, after inventorying my own thoughts and statements, I have come to this conclusion. **It sounds Christian - It sounds good** - and it is a **Godly Fact**. But the problem isn't in my eternal living. It's in my earthly responsibility to live for my fellowman. Here's what we must understand. It's much easier to lay down and die, than to stand up in pain and live. Anybody can die! Everybody will die! But, you and I cannot make a difference in anyone else's life if we are not here to do so. Look, we can die later. Right now, God has chosen us to be His human representatives. It is irresponsible on our part to just give up and die. There are souls needing to know Jesus. Don't concentrate on the easy way out, and neglect your Christian responsibility.

***Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,  
a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.***

2 Tim 2:15 NIV

Ok, I not only preached that to myself. I preached it to the whole choir. If you are a Christian, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Once again, ***Let's get about our Father's Business***. You can die later.