

To Live You Must Die (Clip)

by Shane Idleman

In order to experience the abundant life that Christ spoke of, something in us must die and we must surrender to God's will.

Duration: 5:45

Scripture: John 10:10, John 12:24, Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20

Topics: "Dying To Self", "Surrender To God"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the need for complete surrender and dying to self in order to experience the abundant life that Christ offers. It addresses the challenges of half-heartedness, lukewarm living, and the desire for more in one's Christian walk. The message highlights the necessity of letting go of personal desires and fully embracing God's will, acknowledging that true transformation and abundant life come through surrender and dying to self.

Transcript

Let's be honest. Let's cut to the chase. I know, I've lived that life.

We come in, worship's boring, God seems distant, the Bible's boring, hope this guy hurries up. I know he's been known for long sermons. I hope it just doesn't matter tonight.

I mean, think about that. Where's this resurrection life that Christ died for and the disciples felt? And that's why I said this is your hardest challenge. Half-heartedness and partial obedience to God.

Lukewarm living, carnality. Something in you has to die. Something in you, something in me has to die.

Basically, I have to say, not my will, Lord, but your will be done. Something has to die. And I want to talk to you, and sometimes you'll hear people say, well, there's two types of people.

Well, there's those who are saved, those who are not saved. And I actually believe that's true, but I want to add a third group in there. I think there are those who are saved, those who are not saved, but there are those who know nothing about the power of God.

They have no victory in their Christian walk. The Bible's boring, worship is dead. They don't want to go to church.

Something is missing in their life. They're desperate for more. I want that, Shane, what you're talking about.

I want that, but I just can't seem to grasp it. Well, you can today. That's why we're here.

I want to read a poem I read about a year ago. It's by Wilbert Reese. It says, I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please.

Not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. I don't want enough of him to make me love someone of the opposite color or pick beets with a migrant worker. I want ecstasy, not transformation.

I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want a pound of the eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy just three pounds of God, please.

And that's really where the state of the church is today. Many people don't want this resurrection life. And it goes back to what Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.

Now I want to talk about that word life for just a minute. Life represents running water. Running water is living.

And life is associated with light and gladness, fullness, order, and active, and being. So he says, I am the resurrection and the life. Your life should be overflowing with living water, with passion, with desire.

Living water, everything you touch nourishes. But in many cases, everything we touch dies. There's darkness, there's depression, there's chaos.

It's dead, it's not living. So where's the disconnection here, folks? Where's the disconnection? The problem is not on God's end, ever, ever on God's end. He's calling us to Him, saying, listen, I want you to have this resurrected life.

That's what life is. It's full, it's abundant, it's flowing. And you must be desperate for more.

And I want to make this just a couple points before I end this. You cannot know abundant life until something dies. You will never know the abundant life that Christ spoke of until something dies within you.

What did Jesus say? Truly, truly, I say to you. When He does that, that means listen. Listen.

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. You see, there's always a dying process that has to happen.

When a person is saved, they die to sin. They come from old to the new. They come from darkness to light.

They come from right from wrong. Something dies in them. And what they do is they say, Lord, I need you.

I'm a sinner saved by grace. I confess you as Christ and Lord tonight. Something is dying in me that I don't like.

So that has to die in order for life to come. Who else had to die in order for life to come? This isn't rocket science. This is biblical theology.

And as I said before, it's not until olives are crushed, right, until the oil comes out. It's not until you be crushed and broken until the anointing of God begins to fill you mindly and you see a transformation. You see this living water.

And I know this is a hard message. But God has sent me to give hard messages. Because that's the only way the church is going to break and repent and be convicted.

What conviction does? It goes and rips the conscience out of a man or a woman. It unsettles them. It stirs the pot.

It says, this isn't comfortable. I don't like to hear this. And God says, that's exactly what you need to hear.

You will not know abundant life until something dies. And sometimes the Christian life reminds me of what I see at home where my kids go, mine, mine, mine, mine, mine. And God says, no, mine, mine, mine, mine, mine.

Give me everything. Give me your life. Give me your marriage.

Give me your finances. Give me everything. I am the abundant life that Christ spoke of.

I am the only way, the only truth. No man can come to the Father except through Him.

Video: <https://sermonindex2.b-cdn.net/EDjAtidNrIM.mp4>

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/shane-idleman/to-live-you-must-die-clip/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net