**Scripture Reading:** Romans 5:1-11 & Romans 6:1-14

**Singing:** 149:1, 2, 5, 6 – 353:1-4 – 420:2-3 – 311:1-5

**The Believer’s Benefits of X’s Death and Burial (2)**

I. It answers his dilemma II. It sanctifies his life III. It transforms his grave

**I. Benefit of Christ’s death for justification before God**

A. If God quickened your heart, you learn that you can’t appear before Him

 1. Our God is a consuming fire (Ps. 130:3; Hebrews 12:29)

B. If God has taught you, then He brings you to place your faith in Christ

 1. What did this faith in Christ do for you?

 a. faith unites us to Christ and all His (John 3:15)

 b. fruit of such faith are staggering: Romans 5:1-2, 9-10; 8:1

C. Don’t ever doubt whether these benefits can be *yours* also!

**II. Benefit of Christ’s death in life of sanctification**

A. Draw attention to remarkable history in 2 Kings 13:20-21

 1. What happened then pictures the spiritual truth salvation!

 2. Christ’s death has two great ends for the believer

 a. brings a legal benefit: *wiped away all guilt of sin*

 b. brings a moral benefit: *renews our fallen nature*

 3. Those two are always together: *justification and sanctification are*

*twins in the covenant of grace*

B. Fruit of Christ’s death is *death of the old man*

 1. defined as *corrupt fallen nature of sin*

a. he is abominable

 b. he is tenacious (obstinate, determined)

 c. he is no match to Jesus’ power

 2. his elimination takes place in stages: *initial – continual – final!*

 3. his elimination is experienced within our life when united to Christ

**Closing Considerations**

A. Can our boast that Christ died for me be vain?

 1. That is very possible according to God’s Word (Matthew 7:21-23)

 B. How do I know that my ‘old man/nature’ is crucified with Christ?

 1. There will be a *‘being crucified to the world’*

 2. There will be the reality experienced a *new man*

 a. this ‘new life’ presents itself mostly in a few questions

 (1) What wilt thou have me do?

 (2) What shall I render unto the Lord for such great benefit?

C. Be careful not to let *remaining indwelling sin* rob you of this comfort

 1. Remember that his elimination is *only final upon exit of this life*

 2. Christ doesn’t allow the ‘old man’ to *reign within* anymore but that

 doesn’t mean the ‘old man’ doesn’t try that

D. The crucifying, burial and death of old man of sin is the *fruit of Christ’s*

 *work and benefit of His death and sacrifice*

 1. Consider: Eph. 2:10; Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:13-14;

 2. Let remaining indwelling sin bring us to Jesus’ feet hourly.

So in love was God with holiness

that He bought it the blood of His own Son. (John Flavel)

God loves purity so well that He had rather see a tear than a spot in his child’s garment. (William Gurnall)

God saved us to make us holy, not in the first and main place, happy. Count on that many experiences will not contribute to your happiness but will contribute to your holiness. (Vance Havner)

God works in us and with us, not against us or without us. (John Owen)

Holiness is not only commanded by His law. It is made available to sinners by His grace. Holiness is not the way to Christ. Christ is the way to holiness.