

Trade Life for What Can't be Killed

2 Timothy 2:11-13

The life that cannot be _____ starts with _____ !

Trades:

If we...

Then we...

- _____
- _____
- _____ Him _____ us
- are _____ (see) He _____

1. Those who _____ with Christ will _____ with Him. 11

- a. We are born _____ in sin. Ephesians 2:1-10
- b. We die with Christ in _____. Romans 6
Salvation is more than reorienting my life. It is _____ to _____.
- c. We die to the flesh in _____. Galatians 2:20; 5:19-26

apply: The life we live depends upon the _____ we _____ ! The death we incur depends upon the _____ we _____ !

2. Those remaining under _____ to Christ will _____ with Him. 12

- a. We are called to _____ in fulfilling Christ's _____.
- b. We are destined to _____ with Christ in _____. Romans 8:17ff.; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 4:13

apply: Enduring _____ are the outcome of enduring _____ !

3. _____ people still deal with the _____ God. 12-13

- a. Our faith is in the faithfulness of _____.
- b. A _____ life betrays a _____ faith.

apply: If our life contradicts our _____, it's our _____ that are in _____ ! Titus 1:26; 1 John 2:22-23

Challenge: Am I trading my life or losing it?

Mark 8:34-37

Discussion Guide: Trade Life for What Can't be Killed

Open: Agree, Disagree, Dissect with a *Scriptural Scalpel*

- An eternal relationship with Jesus is free – but costs us everything.
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=are+you+a+trader+right+now+youtube&view=detail&mid=4B5ABBE0697E6E83B8424B5ABBE0697E6E83B842&FORM=VIRE>
- An eternal relationship with Jesus is worth more than life itself.
- “Life sucks and then you die!”
- If we deny Christ, He will deny us.
- To become a follower of Jesus, I must quit being the master of my own life.
- We must endure in following & serving Christ on earth to partake of His eternal life & glory.
- Faith and faithfulness are inseparable.

Read and note any new discoveries or questions: **2 Tim. 2:10-13**

“For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus & with it eternal glory. It is a trustworthy statement:

*For if we **died** with Him, we will also **live** with Him;*

*If we **endure**, we will also **reign** with Him;*

*If we **deny** Him, He also will **deny** us;*

*If we are **faithless**, He remains **faithful**, for He **cannot deny Himself**.”*

1. Do some of these seem *counterintuitive*? (See Bible passage above.)

Which of these are harder for you to accept? To practice?

Trades: If we...

Then we...

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • <u>die</u> | <u>live</u> |
| • <u>endure</u> | <u>reign</u> |
| • <u>deny</u> Him | <u>deny</u> us |
| • are <u>faithless</u> | (see) He <u>remains faithful</u> |

2. Do you think the experience of the Apostle Paul, William Carey, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jim Elliot and early believers in Rome... are:

- ...unique experiences to a special class of *SuperChristians*?
- ...clear models of what Christ calls us all to?
- ...contrary to the life of “abundant joy” that Jesus promised?
- ...something uncomfortable that I’d rather not think about, so let’s get back to The *Religious Happy Hour*!

N.B. If you’re unfamiliar with any of these leaders, you can google them or check out a book on their life (and read during your devotional time)!

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” [Dietrich Bonhoeffer](#)

“He is no fool, who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he could never lose!” Jim Elliot

3. Teaching of “The Crucified Life” was a frequent theme in the early Church, among the Puritans and the Persecuted church – but it is nearly absent in the modern Western Church. Why do you think this is?

Prayer Target: Well-spent lives!

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The life that cannot be killed starts with death!

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Then we...

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| • <u>die</u> | <u>live</u> |
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1. Those who die with Christ will live with Him. 11

- We are born dead in sin. Ephesians 2:1-10
- We die with Christ in salvation. Romans 6
Salvation is more than reorienting my life. It is death to self.
- We die to the flesh in sanctification. Galatians 2:20; 5:19-26

apply: The life we live depends upon the death we accept!
The death we incur depends upon the life we deny!

2. Those remaining under submission to Christ will reign with Him. 12

- We are called to endure in fulfilling Christ's service.
- We are destined to reign with Christ in glory.
Romans 8:17ff.; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 4:13

apply: Enduring rewards are the outcome of enduring hardship!

3. Faithless people still deal with the faithful God. 12-13

- Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.
- A faithless life betrays a lifeless faith.

apply: If our life contradicts our lips, it's our lips that are in denial!
Titus 1:26; 1 John 2:22-23

Challenge: Am I trading my life or losing it?

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