



Oswald Chambers **To be one of God's Saints – I must die to self** November 3

Gal 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ** (How? By believing I am - Rom 6:11) **nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.**

These words mean the breaking of my independence by my own hand, and the surrendering of my life to the supremacy of the Lord Jesus. No one can do this for me, I must do it myself. God may bring me up to this point three hundred and sixty-five times a year, but He cannot push me through it (*He gives me His faith, but I must act on it*). It means breaking the husk of my personal independence from God, and the liberating of my *spirit* into oneness with Himself; not to follow my own ideas, but choosing absolute loyalty to Jesus. There is no possibility of dispute (*with God*) once I am there. Very few of us know anything about loyalty to Christ or understand what He meant when He said, "**will you lose your life for My sake?**" (Mark 8:35). That is what makes the iron saint.

Mark 8:35 **For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life (by being crucified with Christ) for My sake and the gospel's will save it.**

Has that breaking of my independence come? All the rest is religious fraud. The one point to decide is— will I give up? Will I surrender to Jesus Christ, placing no conditions whatever as to how the break will come? I must be broken from my self-realization (*from self, my reasoning human nature, reigning over my will*). When I reach that point, right away the reality of the supernatural identification with Jesus Christ takes place. And the witness of the Holy Spirit of God is unmistakable that "**I am crucified with Christ...**"

The passion of Christianity comes from deliberately signing away my own rights and becoming a bondservant of Jesus Christ (*a bondservant is one who, with a free will, chooses to be in complete submission*). Until I do that, I will not begin to be a saint.

Gal 1:10 **...For if I still pleased people, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.**

*Where do we get the humility to do this, we don't have it, we get it from the Spirit of Christ:*

Phil 2:5-7 **Let this mind (this spiritual mind, the Holy Spirit) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...who...took the form of a bondservant (to the Father)...**

One student a year who answers God's call would be sufficient for God to have called this Bible Training College into existence. This college as an organization is not worth anything; it is not academic; it is for nothing else but for God to help Himself to lives. Will we allow Him to help Himself to us, or are we taken up with our own conception of what we are going to be, *and how the unfolding of our life should be?*

*Can God count on our loyalty to Him? Or is our will still easily bought with certain kinds of tempting thoughts so we can't be trusted by God or Christians? Until we die and stay dead to our human nature, all the changes God makes in us are constantly at risk of being lost.*