



# The Believer's Reckoning

## All Believers' Attributes



## A Person's Attributes

We **died** to sin

We have been:

**placed into** Christ's death,  
burial, and resurrection

We have **Christ's life**

We're **separated** from our Old Man

Our body of sin is **taken offline**

We are **free from** our sin nature  
and its slavery

Canadian

American

English

Irish

German

Male

Female

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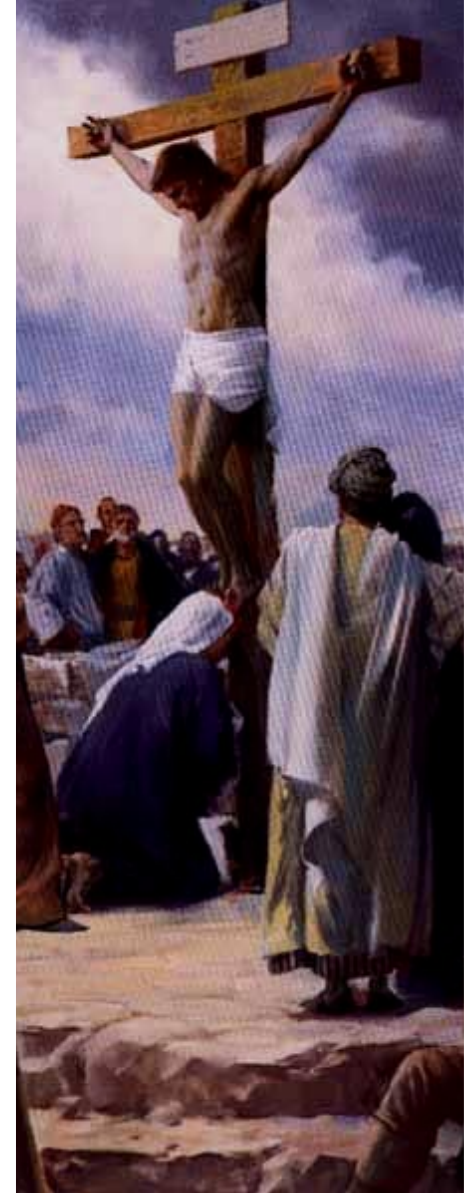
What is reckoning?



Why is it so important?

What if I don't reckon?

What is to be the focus of my reckoning?



background\*: reckon – *logizomai* - classically it meant "to count, reckon, calculate, compute, to set to one's account."

- *logizomai* used in the papyri as a business term:
- "let my revenues be placed on deposit at the storehouse; **reckoning** the wine to him at 16 drachmas, etc."
- example verse: Gal 3:6 Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.
- Thus Abraham believed God, and **his act of faith** was **placed to his account in value** as righteousness.
- **or placed on deposit for him and evaluated**
- **or computed as to its value, and there was placed to his account**

\*Wuest

## Reckoning in Gal 3:6 vs Rom 6:11



Gal 3:6 Even so Abraham believed God, and it was **reckoned** to him as righteousness.

Rom 6:11 Even so **consider/reckon** yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### Similarities:

- Both verses depend upon the faith of the believer in what God said
- Or it is belief in what God has revealed to us

### Differences:

- In Gal 3:6 a singular focus – believing God
- Rom 6:11 a dual focus – dead to sin and alive to God
- In Gal 3:6 **God is doing the reckoning** based on the believer's faith
- In Rom 6:11 **the believer is doing the reckoning** based upon God's Word

# More on consider/reckon in Rom 6:11



*logizomai* – to consider, calculate, "to reckon" in KJV

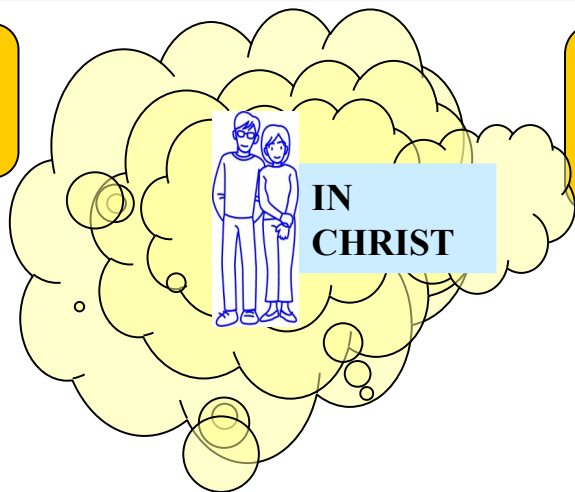
- present – continuous action – keep on doing it (24/7)
- imperative – this is God's will
- active – you perform it
- you be constantly counting upon the fact      Wuest
- to reckon something to a person means to count something as true of someone\*
- lit: put it down **as true** or put it down **as so**  
or put it down **as fact**\*
- this is a term you might use as an "accountant"

\* Molloy, Merryman

## Positional Truths\*

## Identification Truths\*

Rom  
1:1



Rom  
6:1



Rom  
6:10

- \* Justified by God's grace through faith
- \* Free from the law
- \* Redeemed by Christ's blood/death
- \* Circumcised in the heart
- \* Peace with God
- \* Access and standing in His grace
- \* God's love gushed out in our hearts
- \* Holy Spirit given to us (indwelling)
- \* Reconciled to God
- \* Super-abounding grace when sin abounds

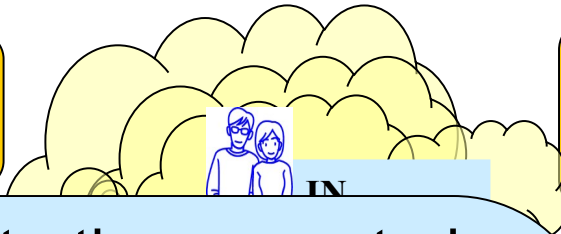
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We died to sin  
 We have been  
 baptized [placed]:  
 into Christ's **death**  
 Into Christ's **burial**  
 Into Christ's  
**resurrection**  
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 Our body of sin is  
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- The truths presented in Rom 1:1 to 5:21 and in other writings of Paul are called **Birth Truths**
- These are true of you the moment you believe in Him
- The focus is who we are in Christ – our position
- These truths are foundational to the Identification Truths

- The truths presented in Rom 6:1 to 6:10 are called **Growth Truths** or Identification Truths
- Spiritual growth is dependent upon reckoning upon these Truths
- No reckoning, No spiritual growth
- It will be a mediocre Christian life

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Positional Truths

Identification Truths

Application of the Truths

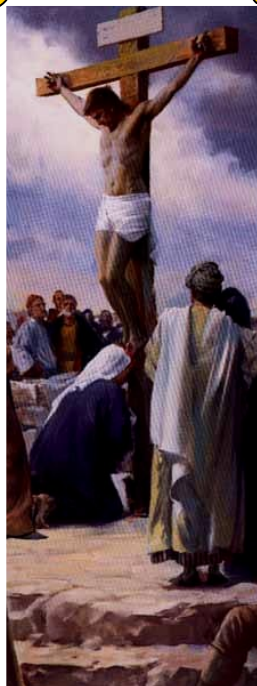
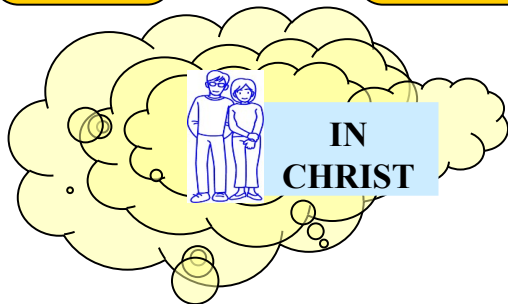
Rom 1:1

Rom 6:1

Rom 6:10

Rom 6:11\*

Rom 6:13



6:11 Even so **consider/reckon** yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- Rom 6:11 is foundational for spiritual growth
- No Rom 6:11 in our life – no growth
- All spiritual growth is based on Rom 6:11
- Rom 6:11 = first command in Romans
- Rom 1:1 to 6:10 Paul lays down our position and identification in Christ
- Rom 6:11 – command = now make your identification **your practice**
- Key to growth = **reckon** on the identification truths

# Today's Verse



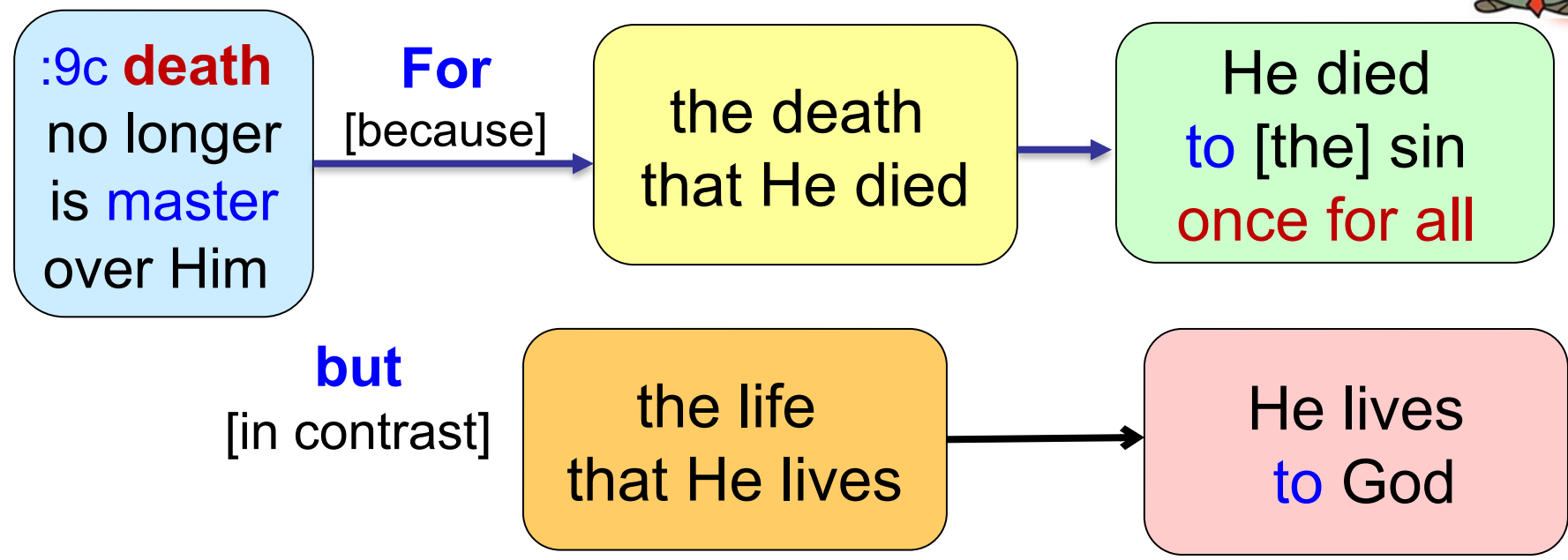
<sup>11</sup> Even so consider/reckon yourselves to be dead [indeed] to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>11</sup> Thus also, as for you, constantly be taking into account the fact that you are those who are dead with respect to sin, and indeed those who are living ones with reference to God in Christ Jesus. Wuest

<sup>11</sup> Thus also, as for you, constantly be taking into account the fact that you are those who have had the power of sin broken in your lives and those who have had the divine nature implanted. Wuest's paraphrase



<sup>10</sup> For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all **but** the life that He lives, He lives to God.



- This verse presents a contrast about Christ's death and His resurrection life
- This verse is a precursor to how the believer is to conduct his life



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even so

[you] consider/reckon yourselves

lit: **in the same manner** as Christ  
in v:10

- Christ died **to** the sin and **you died with Him**
- It was done once - for all believers
- Christ is living His life to God
- Since **we** are **in Christ** **we are to live our life to God**

- You **reckon** yourselves
- You **count** as true of yourselves
- You as “an accountant” are **writing it down as true**
- You are to **keep on** reckoning because it is God’s will (24/7)
- Next, **yourselves** and the **two fold aspect** of this reckoning



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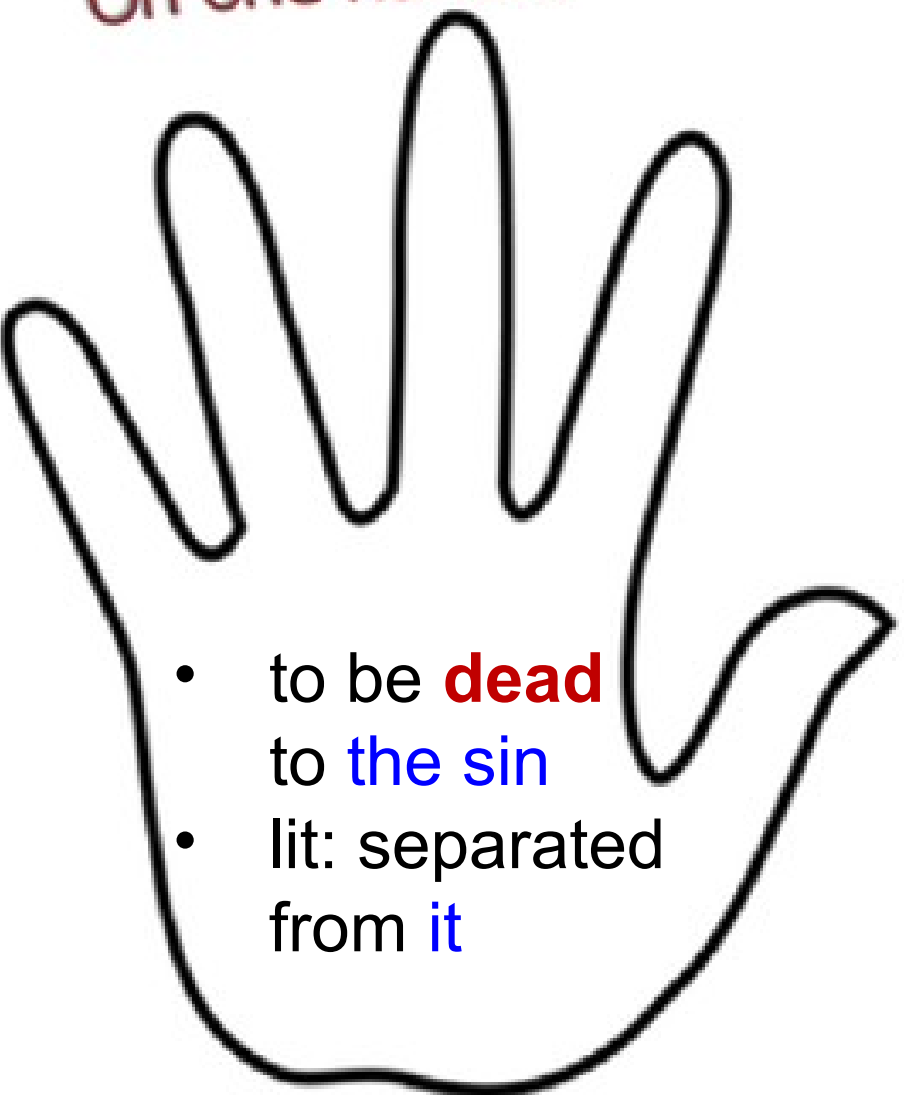
**yourselves** – *heautous* – **in the singular** it is **he himself, oneself**

- Luke 23:2b "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that **He Himself** is Christ, a King."
- **In the plural** in Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building **yourselves** up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.
- Again it is literally - you **count as true** about yourselves\*
- Since, Christ has accomplished this on your behalf, you are **to believe** these truths about yourself

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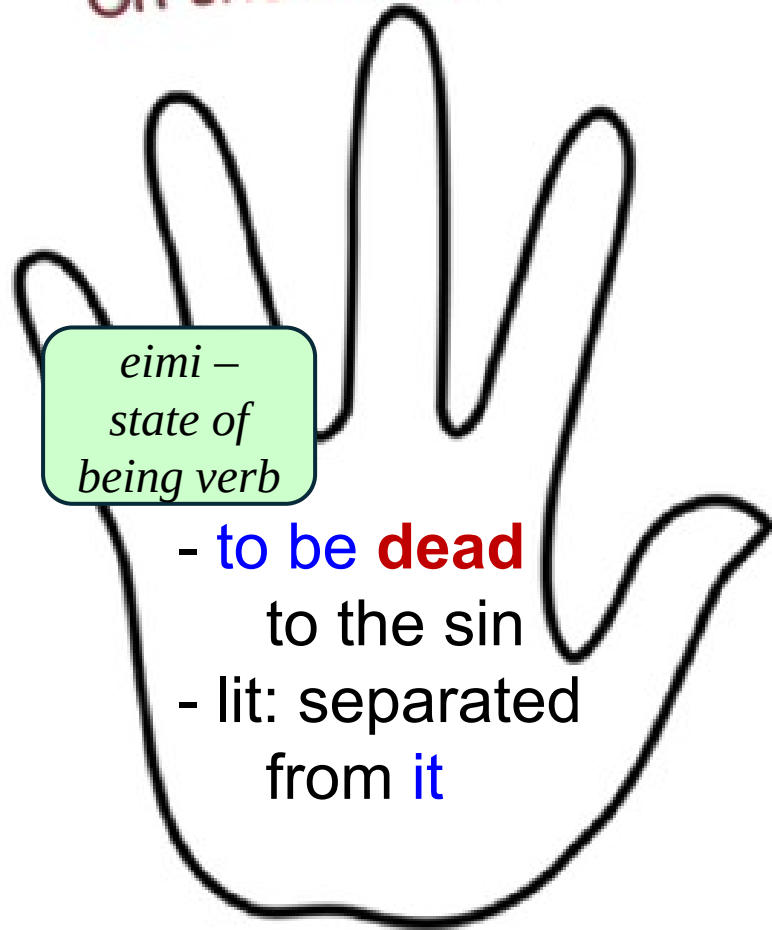
# Dual Truths about You Reckoning Yourselves:

On one hand...

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- to be **dead**  
to **the sin**
  - lit: separated  
from **it**

# Truths about Reckoning Yourself

On one hand...



\* Wuest

- dead or separated from our sin nature
- so we reckon that we are **permanently separated** from our sin nature
- You are not reckoning that your sin nature is dead\*
- You are reckoning that your **relationship to** the sin nature is dead [or separated]\*
- You reckon it dead by **believing the facts**\*
- You are not wishing **it to be so** but **believing it is so** because God has said it\*

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## Wuest on the Truths of our reckoning: with regards to the sin nature

- Here Paul is exhorting the saints to live a life in accordance with the Word of God
- They should take into account the fact that they are dead to sin [the nature]
- That they have been disengaged from the evil nature
- That it has **no power** over them anymore
- That they are **scot-free** from it [sin nature]
- Can say a point blank **NO!** to it [sin nature]

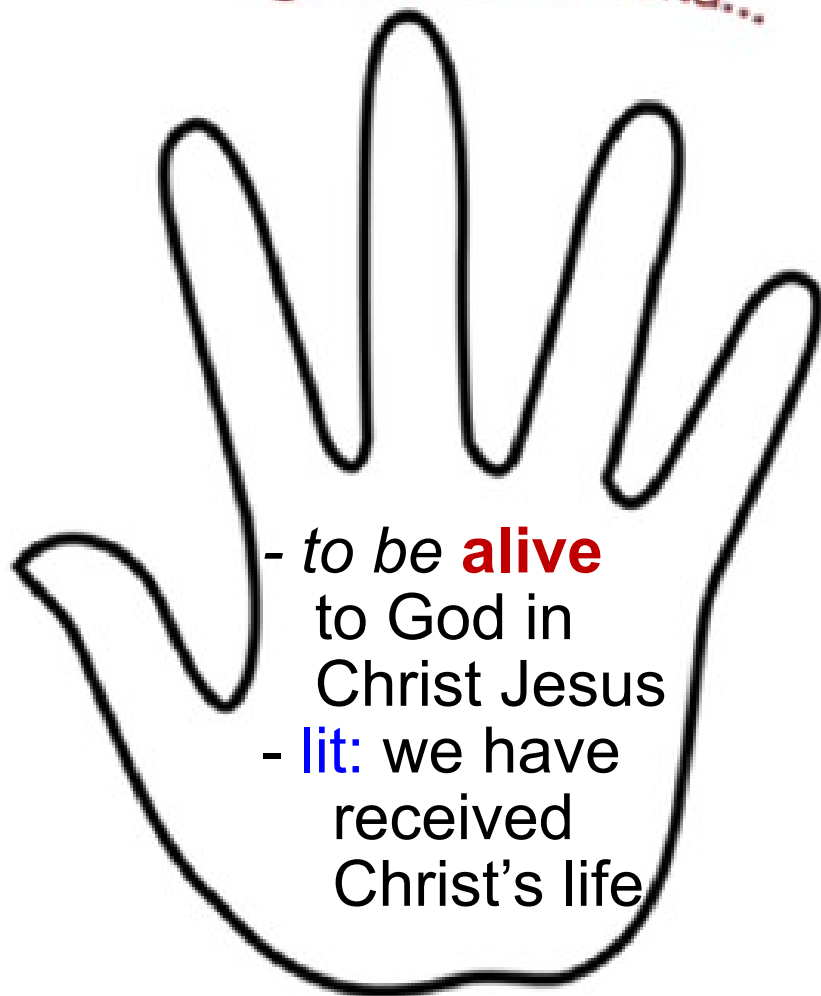
alive to God

alive - zaō - to live, be alive

- living ones with respect to God – Wuest
- our life is only “in Christ Jesus”
- Gal 2:20b it is no longer I who live, **but Christ lives in me**
- so we reckon that we are permanently alive to God in Christ Jesus  
**[this is our true position before God]**

Truths about  
Reckoning  
Yourselves

*On the other hand...*



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## Wuest on the Truths of our reckoning: with regards to being alive to God in Christ Jesus

- Take into account [reckon] the fact that you are **alive to God**
- That the divine nature, Christ's life, **has been imparted [when you believed]**
- With the result that, that nature [Christ's life] gives you both **the desire** and **the power** to regulate your lives
- In accordance with the Word of God.

# Final Thoughts\*



- The sin nature, though still alive and active, has been judged by Christ's death unto it [Rom 8:3],
- and, because of that judgment which has no experimental place in the history of the Christian **[you did not experience it]**,
- the believer is able to walk by the Spirit, and not carry out the desire of the sin nature.
- The believer's part is to “**reckon** or **count**” that he is separated from the sin nature.
- To **reckon** is to count on what is true of one's complete identification with Christ in His crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection.

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