

# Die to self

- Romans 6 : 1 – 14
  - At baptism we died the same death that Jesus died, so that we could be resurrected as Jesus was
  - By dying now, we have the hope of the Resurrection / eternal life in the Age to Come
- Galatians 2 : 20
  - We no longer live but Christ lives in us
- Colossians 2 : 20
  - But we easily find ourselves living acc to the rules of the world / as our old selves
- Luke 9 : 23
  - We are called to take up our cross / die to self daily

# Die to self (cont)

- 1 Corinthians 31 – 37
  - Paul died to self daily in the hope of the Resurrection
  - Blatantly sinning and dying to self are at odds
  - We are like seeds – need to be buried to give new life
- John 12 : 23 – 26
  - New life will spring from Jesus' death
  - Similarly we need to die to give rise to new life and the fruits that please God

# Die to self (cont)

- 2 Corinthians 4 : 7 – 11
  - Life of Jesus can only be revealed in us when we die to our old lives (our “BC” lives)
- 2 Corinthians 13 : 5
  - Self assessments to check if we are in the faith / in Christ / have died to self are useful
  - But we should not rely on that since we easily deceive ourselves ...

# Die to self (cont)

You might not be dead if :

- You are only willing to serve in areas you like rather than in areas where you are needed
- You are more concerned about your image and reputation than you are about being vulnerable
- You are not regularly open about your temptations and sins
- You spend more time watching TV and playing computer games than you spend studying your Bible
- You act differently at work than you do with other Christians
- You dislike spending time with other Christians
- You are not regularly involved in helping people in need or encouraging those who are sick
- You make decisions based on what's good for you rather than what is good for God's people
- You are sitting there thinking "I hope that brother X is hearing this – he really needs to die to self !"
- Others ???