

Daily Dying and Living (Orthodox Catechism, Lord's Day 36)
Q/A 93–96, GCC, Sunday School
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Introduction—Christ's dying and living as paradigmatic for our dying and living.

Main Idea: *Our daily dying to sin and living to Christ is fueled by grace, framed by gratitude, and fleshed out by good works.*

- I. Looking under the Hood of Conversion or True Repentance (Q. 93)
 - Q. 93.** In how many things does true repentance toward or conversion to God consist?
 - A.** It consists of the dying or mortifying of the old man and the renewing or quickening of the new man.
 - A. Four components of sanctification
 1. Daily mortification
 2. Daily vivification
 3. Driven by the proper desire
 4. Resulting in good, God-glorifying work
 - B. The rest of the third part of the catechism is taken up in expounding the 10 commandments (as given by the hand of Christ, not by the hand of Moses) in its *third use* (explain *third use* of law) and then an exposition of the Lord's prayer as a model for Christians to follow in their *praying*.
 - C. Note two things about this emphasis on *works*:
 1. *logical* and *necessary* outcomes of justification
 2. Fueled by genuine grace not cheap grace
 - D. What is meant by "conversion" and "renewing" in Q 93?
 - II. Our Motivation as Fueled by Grace and Framed by Gratitude
 - A. A Note on the "debtor's ethic" of John Piper
 - B. Gratitude for Grace is multifaceted—*Past, Present, Future*
 - III. Elements of Daily Dying (Q. 94)
 - Q. 94.** What is the dying or mortifying of the old man?
 - A.** To be truly and heartily sorry that you have offended God by your sins and daily more and more hate and avoid them.
 - A. What is meant by "old man" and "new man?"
 - B. Sorrow (2 Cor 7:9, 10)
 - C. Hatred toward sin (Num 25)
 - D. Avoidance of sin

IV. Elements of Daily Living (Q. 95)

Q. 95. What is the renewing or quickening of the new man?

A. True joy in God through Christ, and an earnest desire to order your life according to God's will and to do all good works.

A. True Joy Through Christ (Neh 8:10, 11)

B. An Earnest Desire to Order your Life According to God's Will

C. Good Works

D. Which "man" are you feeding? The *old* man or the *new* man?

V. Elements of God-Glorifying works (Q. 96)

Q. 96. What are good works

A. Those only which are done by a true faith, according to God's law, and are referred only to His glory, and not those which are imagined by us as seeming to be right and good, or which are delivered and commanded by men.

A. By Truth Faith

B. According to God's Law

C. Assurance and Good works