

### *Rivers of Living Water*

accomplished fact, and, second, that it is a co-crucifixion. Notice the tenses: “was crucified”—past, and “have been crucified”—past perfect. The judicial crucifixion of “the old man” took place centuries ago. Whether or not a single soul ever accepted this glorious fact that the entire old creation in Adam was carried to the Cross and there crucified with Christ, it is as gloriously true as the fact that Christ Himself was crucified.

Whether from sins or from self the Cross is God’s only place of deliverance. As surely as Christ “bore my sins in His own body on the tree” just so surely was my “old man crucified with Christ” there. If I accept and act upon the one fact by faith, consistently I must accept and act upon the other fact by faith.

Deliverance from the old sphere “in Adam” and entrance into the new sphere “in Christ” demands the dethronement of self. No house can entertain two masters. If the Lord Jesus is to take the throne and rule over the human personality, then “the old man” must abdicate. That he will never do. So God must deal drastically with him. He is a usurper whom God has condemned and sentenced to death. That sentence was carried out on Calvary’s cross. Now God declares to every person who cries out for deliverance from the tyranny of self, “the old man was crucified with Christ.” Do you believe it?