

## The Crucified Life

I have just listened to a YouTube presentation of Tozer's comments re "**The crucified Life**". This was another expression he used for the "Deeper Life". It's well worth a listen.

In recent years I have had the privilege of moderating a number of conferences on Revival, sponsored by Sermonindex.net. At the Q & A sessions the speakers were asked to name their favourite books – top of the list was **The Calvary Road** by Roy Hessian, also dealing with the crucified life.

It strikes me that no one can crucify himself – it has to be a sovereign work of God – but I can sign my own death warrant!

A B Simpson wrote a poem on the same theme, which has become a great blessing to me and a prayer of my heart. It goes as follows:

*There is a foe whose hidden power, the Christian well may fear,  
More subtle far than inbred sin and to the soul more dear.  
It is the power of selfishness; it is the willful "I"  
And e'er my Lord can live in me, my very 'self' must die!*

*There is, like Anak's sons of old, a race of giants still;  
**Self-glorying, Self-confidence, Self-seeking and Self-will.**  
Still must these haughty Anakim by Caleb's sword be slain,  
E'er Hebron's heights of heavenly love, our conquering feet shall gain.*

*"O save me from **Self-will** dear Lord, which claims Thy sacred throne,  
O let my will be lost in Thine and let Thy will be done.  
O keep me from **Self-confidence**, and **Self-sufficiency**,  
Let me exchange my strength for Thine and lean alone on Thee."*

*"O save me from **Self-seeking**, Lord; let me not be my own.  
A living sacrifice I come, Lord, keep me Thine alone.  
From proud vain-glory save me, Lord; from pride of praise and fame;  
To Christ be all the honor given, the glory to His name."*

*"O Jesus, slay the **self** in me, by Thy consuming breath;  
Show me Thy heart, Thy wounds, Thy shame, and love my soul to death.  
When the Shekinah flame came down, e'en Moses could not stay;  
let Thy glory fill me now and **self** for ever slay."*

So

*"O Jesus, come and dwell in me, walk in my steps each day,  
Live in my life, love in my love and speak in all I say.  
Think in my thoughts, let all my acts, Thy very actions be,  
So shall it be no longer "I", but Christ that lives in me."*

A B Simpson