

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

We do not live to ourselves,
and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord.

And if we die, we die to the Lord;
so, then whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again,
so that he might be Lord
of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother and sister?

For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So, then each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord