

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: Galatians 2:20-21.

B. Regarding the text:

1. We learn much from the life of Paul.
 - 1) His conduct is set before us as an example (**1 Cor. 1:11; Phil. 3:17**).
 - 2) In our text, he expresses a powerful mind-set.
2. His life was guided by the principle found in **Galatians 2:20-21**.
3. Note "the life which I now live in the flesh..."
 - 1) What kind of life was that?
 - 2) Should we to be governed by the same principles?

I. A LIFE CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST (20a).

A. "CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST..." Is that possible?

1. Can we go back in time and join Christ on the cross!
 - 1) No. But we can be buried with Him in baptism (**Rom. 6:3-8**).
 - 2) Note that baptism into Christ is...
 - a. Baptism into His death (**Rom. 6:3-4**).
 - b. Being united together in the likeness of His death (**Rom. 6:5**).
 - c. Crucifying our old man with Christ (**Rom. 6:6**).
 - d. Dying together with Christ (**Rom. 6:8**).
2. If we have been baptized into Christ, we can say together with Paul: "I have been crucified with Christ."

B. What does "crucified with Christ" mean?

1. For **some** in our text it meant a **death "to the Law"** (**Gal. 2:19**).
 - 1) Paul wrote as a Jew who was at one time under the Law of Moses
 - 2) To be crucified with Christ is to be dead to the Old Law (**Rom. 7:1-6**).
2. It means a death "to self" (**Gal. 2:20**).
 - 1) I no longer live.
 - 2) We must deny self to follow Him (**Luke 9:23-24**).
3. To crucify the flesh (**Gal. 5:24**).
 - 1) The old man is put to death.
 - 2) **Rom. 8:13; Col. 3:1-3; Eph. 2:1**.
4. The former things in life are secondary to my faith (**Phil. 3:8**).

C. But note that Paul also wrote "the life which I now live" is...

II. A LIFE IN WHICH CHRIST LIVES IN ME (20b).

A. How does Christ live in me?

1. I do not know everything connected with this.
2. But I know it is true because the Bible tells me so.
 - 1) **John 14:17, 23**.
 - 2) **1 John 3:24**.

B. Vs. 20 This new life is a life ruled by faith.

1. We are living by faith (**Rom. 10:17**).
2. As we keep the commandments of Christ, we are assured that He lives in us!

III. A LIFE WHICH DOES NOT SET ASIDE GOD'S GRACE (21).

A. "I do not frustrate the grace of God..."

1. Frustrate means to reject, to refuse, to slight.
 - 1) Translated reject in **Mark 7:9**.
 - 2) To misuse grace is to frustrate God's intention.
2. Without God's grace man is hopelessly lost.

- 1) Eph. 2:8-10.
- 2) 2 Thess. 2:16.

B. It is by God's grace that man can be buried with Christ to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4; Eph. 4:24).

IV. CONCLUSION

A. Such was the life Paul lived in the flesh...

1. A life crucified with Christ
2. A life in which Christ lived in Him
3. A life living by faith in Christ
4. A life that did not set aside the grace of God

B. Can the same be said of us...?

1. Have we been crucified with Christ (in baptism)?
2. Is Christ living in us (manifested by keeping His commandments)?
3. Are you living by faith in Christ (trusting His blood, His Word)?
4. Are you trusting always in the grace of God (not your own goodness or obedience)?