

# CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

The Apostle Paul made this statement in his letter to the Churches of Galatia --

*"I am Crucified with Christ -- nevertheless I live -- yet not I, but Christ lives in me -- and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me"* (Galatians 2:20).

Quite a verse -- quite a statement for Paul to make -- quite a statement for anyone to make -- AND YET -- when you take a real serious look at it it makes sense for a full commitment of an individual to the Lord.

Let's look at it line by line --

*"I am Crucified with Christ"* -- Christ was Crucified on the Cross of Calvary -- He gave up His life -- He died! Paul is saying that when Christ died on the Cross he also died with Him -- to himself and to the world. Paul was identifying himself with Christ in His death. Christ did not remain dead -- He arose from the grave and now lives in Heaven -- and in the hearts of Believers. Paul also was made alive in Christ to fulfill the Lord's work on earth.

*"Nevertheless I live"* -- Can you identify with Christ in the very same way? Can you say that you are dead to yourself and dead to the world but now live only with the purpose of pleasing Christ and making Him known to others?

*"Yet not I, but Christ lives in me"* -- Now that you are dead are you allowing Christ to live out His life in and through you? Is Christ so very real to you that you can see and feel Him doing His work in you -- using you to Glorify God the Father?

*"And the Life that I now live in the flesh (worldly unGodly desires)"* -- This present life of yours -- is it fully committed to Him -- is He in full control of everything -- is this your full desire?

*"I live by the Faith of the Son of God"* -- Note here the secret of fulfilling all of this in the Crucified and risen life that you now live -- it is not to be our Faith in Christ -- it is His Faith -- His Faith in us to do His work.

*"Who Loved me, and Gave Himself for me"* -- The Love of God, the Faith of Christ, and the Help of the Holy Spirit is what makes it possible for you and I to fully identify with Them -- to Live and die, to have Victory, to firmly Stand-up and be counted for Their Righteousness in this sin cursed world.

This verse first came to me years ago when I noted Galatians 2:20 below the signature of a Christian speaker I was corresponding with. As always I looked it up and was amazed -- how could any human being today make this statement -- it was all right for Paul the Apostle to claim it -- back in those days -- but what of us today in the Twentieth First Century -- IS IT POSSIBLE?

After going over it for days and weeks I could not get it out of my mind -- and finally I accepted the fact that it CAN be a reality in the heart and life of anyone who is really serious about their relationship with the Lord. It simply means TOTAL SURRENDER to the WILL and WORD of the Lord.

God has a wonderful plan for your life -- wherever you are Spiritually at this moment. GOD LOVES YOU and wants the VERY BEST for you. Get alone with Him -- talk to Him -- read His Word and study it carefully -- seek His Perfect Plan and Will for you.

GIVE HIM YOUR ALL -- HE HAS GIVEN HIS ALL FOR YOU!

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