

Christ Lives in You! (Gal. 2:20)

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➤ Intro:

- **Jn. 16:23** God and Jesus come to us and make their abode with us
- **Jn. 17:20-21** we are one together in God and Jesus, because believe apostles
- **Gal. 2:20** What does it mean for Christ to live in you?

➤ You were crucified with Christ! – that's when Jesus began living in you

- **Gal. 2:20a** crucified with Christ
- **illus.:** review **Friday of crucifixion – you with Christ**

➤ - **Rom. 6:23** death, penalty we must pay for sin – paid when crucified with Christ

- **1 Pet. 2:24** Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross, so we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds we were healed
- **illus.:** you made a big mistake, convicted of crime, on death row, guards taking you to electric chair, second before strapped in a man interrupts the proceedings and takes your place, electrocuted to death

➤ - **Rom. 6:3, 6a, 6b-7** when baptized, crucified with Christ – baptized into His death, united with Him

- **Col. 2:12-13** buried with Him in baptism, raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, made alive together with Him, forgiven us all our transgressions

➤ You no longer live, but Christ lives in you! – you died when baptized

- **Gal. 2:20a** you know longer live, Christ lives in you
- **1 Cor. 15:31** die daily

➤ - **Gal. 5:24-25** therefore you walk by the Spirit – spiritual walk of life

- **Gal. 5:22-23, 19-21** fruit of the Spirit, rather than deeds of the flesh

➤ - **Gal. 6:14** therefore you only boast in the cross of Christ

- **1 Cor. 1:18** word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God
- **Rom. 1:16** gospel (word of cross) power of God unto salvation

➤ - **Col. 3:10** put on the new man (self), renewed in knowledge

- **Col. 2:11** when baptized, old man cut off – circumcised
- **Col. 2:12** when baptized, buried and raised up – died to sin
- **Col. 2:13** when baptized, made alive together with Christ – saved, eternal life
- **Col. 3:1** when baptized, raised up with Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God – location
- **Col. 3:3** when baptized, life is hidden with Christ in God – protection, security

- having put on the new man. . . .

- **Col. 3:1-3, 5, 8-9** seek things above, set mind on things above, no longer live in sin
- **Col. 3:4** have eternal home in heaven

- **The life you live in the flesh, you live by faith in the Son of God!**
 - **Gal. 2:20** live by faith in the Son of God – walk by the Spirit
 - **Rom. 10:17** faith comes by. . . / **Rom. 1:16** above, power of God / **1 Cor. 1:18** above, word of the cross
 - **2 Cor. 5:7** we walk by faith, not sight

- - **illus.: Abraham** – believe, obey, saved
 - **Gal. 3:6-9, 11** Abraham, believe, reckoned as righteousness
- - **Heb. 11:8** a person who believes, obeys, saved (cf. **Heb. 5:9**) – faith, called, obeyed
- - **Gal. 3:26-27, 29** faith in Christ, baptized, Abraham’s descendants, heirs, saved
- - **Gal. 5:6b** faith works through love – faithful until death (**Rev. 2:10**)

- **You give yourself up for Jesus, as He gave Himself up for you! – your responsibility, desire**
 - **Gal. 2:20** all possible, because Jesus loves you, gave self – so you. . . .

- - because Jesus gave Himself up for you (loved). . . .
 - you love Him, obey
 - **Jn. 14:15** “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”
- - you are a living sacrifice
 - **Rom. 12:1** “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice. . . .”
- - you glorify God in your body, which is a temple of the Holy Spirit
 - **1 Cor. 6:19-20** “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

- **Summary / Inv.**
 - when baptized, you were crucified with Christ – debt paid, gift received
 - now, Christ lives in you – you live by faith in the Son of God – you give yourself up for Jesus
 - inv.: baptized, crucified, live by faith, give yourself up for Jesus