

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Point-of-View: Positive

Purpose: *Persuade--Accept and believe in order to do* (likewise)

Paul expects us to adjust--to make whatever changes it takes--to better fit or act more consistent with--what he says

Paul expects us to accept his premise, that, though he has been crucified with Christ, he still lives. Even so, it is Christ (a new creation modeled after Christ) rather than he who now lives in him. As a result, he is entirely dependent for the life he now lives in this world--on Christ--whose self-sacrifice at the cross proves His trustworthiness. Since righteousness by faith describes everyone's salvation, he expects us to overhaul our views of self, conversion, and our relationship with Christ to do the same.

Strip Away:

~~I am~~ [Whoever, Anyone who is] ~~crucified~~ [nailed to the cross, or dies] with Christ: ~~nevertheless~~ [still] † live(s); yet not † [they], but Christ live(s) in ~~me~~ [them]: ~~and~~ [so, as a result] the life ~~which~~† [they] now live ~~in the flesh~~ [in their current bodies] † [they] live by the faithfulness of the Son of God, who loved ~~me~~ [them] and gave himself for ~~me~~ [them].

Reword:

Whoever dies with Christ still lives, but Christ [who loved them enough to die for them] has replaced [or, substituted Himself for] them; [since then] they live by His ongoing faithfulness to them.

This paints a beautiful picture of the plan of salvation, saying that: the one who justifies also sanctifies them (Ps 139:24)

Instead of saying that: the faith that gets us into the plan of salvation also keeps us in it

John 17:19 And for their sakes I **sanctify** [dedicate] myself, that they also might be **sanctified** [transformed] through the truth.

Heb 10:23 We must continue to hold tightly to the faith we have publicly claimed because the one who made the promise is **faithful**.

John 10:11, 17-18 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep... The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.

Find the timeless truth:

Either a command to obey or a promise to claim