

Galatians 2:20

“I am (have been) crucified with Christ (our union with Christ’s death, which renders us dead to our old condemning relationship to God’s Law, as in Galatians 2:19, the time when we lived in defeat and were ruled by the power of sin, as in Rom. 6:6 and Gal. 5:24 = CRUCIFIXION): **nevertheless I live** (through my union with Christ’s resurrection life = REGENERATION); **yet not I** (I do not live by my own power and strength = LEGALISM), **but Christ liveth in me** (to grant me power and victory = LIBERTY): **and the life which I now live in the flesh** (my earthly body and existence) **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, (RELIANCE = I depend on Christ’s resurrection life and power within me, I trust or express faith in Christ’s present-day power and spiritual provision for my life, as He lives within my heart – Eph. 6:10) **who loved me, and gave himself for me”** (MOTIVATION = out of loving appreciation for His sacrifice on my behalf, I will yield myself to His indwelling life and power, and live and serve Jesus Christ).

Galatians 2:20 speaks of possessing a knowledge and awareness of Christ’s presence in our daily living: **“I am (have been) crucified with Christ** (the **DEATH FACTOR** - through union with Christ’s death we have died to the old, self-centered, self-righteous, and sinful person we used to be under the power and mastery of the sin nature): **nevertheless I live** (the **LIFE FACTOR** - sharing Christ’s risen life through union with Him); **yet not I** (the old ‘I’ or person we once were under sin’s power, living in defeat, without possessing new life and victory and the power we needed to live victoriously), **but Christ liveth in me** (to grant us power, victory, and new life, but Christ does not work automatically, we must apply faith): **and the life which I now live in the flesh** (our body) **I live by the faith of the Son of God** (faith in His daily person, power, and spiritual provisions), **who loved me, and gave himself for me”** (the **MOTIVATIONAL FACTOR**).

Without possessing this knowledge or daily awareness of Jesus Christ in our lives (2 Peter 1:3, 8; 3:18), we will eventually be overtaken by the world, the flesh, and the Devil. We will become barren and unfruitful (2 Pet. 1:8). Here is the story of our lives as Christians:

“Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine;
Living with Jesus a new life divine;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.”