

Sermon: The Power of a Crucified Life

July 19, 2020

Scripture: Galatians 2:17-21

I. Paul reminds us that faithfulness to the law is no longer the basis of _____ to God. (17-19)
Romans 8:2-4

II. A Christian is one who has the living _____ in Him. (19-21)

**1. Paul declares that Jesus is living in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17
Colossians 3:10; Romans 6:4; Ephesians 4:22-24; John 14:16-17;
John 14:26-27**

2. When Jesus was crucified our _____ was crucified with Him. (20a) Romans 6:6-7; Romans 6:11

3. Jesus is the _____ of life for a crucified believer. (20b); Philippians 4:13; John 15:5

III. A Christian is one who has shared the cross experience with Christ as the _____ of his personal problems.

**1. Obtaining a crucified life is a process of _____
_____. Philippians 1:21; Philippians 2:21;
1 Corinthians 15:31 Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1-2**

**IV. Trusting the law for righteousness means we believe that God's grace is _____ for salvation. (21.
James 4:6-10; 1 Peter 5b-7**

Thought for the Day The Christian life is about relationship to Jesus. Paul was dealing with a group of believers who wanted to add a system of works as conditions for a relationship with God. Under grace we are justified by faith in and through Christ shed blood at calvary. Far more occurred during that transaction than forgiveness of our sin and eternal security. We forget that as Jesus was raised to a newness of life so were, we. There is new way of thinking and living provided for us. It does still involve a choice. I overcome worry by prayer; my mind begins to think God's thoughts when it is renewed as I read the Bible. God speaks to us through the still small voice to assure us of the reality of God and to reveal God's will to us. Paul says I am crucified with Christ. That means I surrender control of me to God. It would seem that crucifixion should be considered a completed transaction but our old man is not completely eliminated when we get saved. Positionally we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and seated with Christ in the heavenly but practically we still much choose to surrender to God. **Dr. Wiresbe writes:** *Unconditional surrender is the only way to complete victory. If there is **any area of the life kept back from God, there will always be battles.*** Jesus won the battle over sin at Calvary and God stamped His seal of approval at the resurrection. In the battle with sin there are two kinds of sin intentional and unintentional. **Dr. McQuilkin writes:** *when I think of unintentional, several synonyms come to mind: unknown, unconscious, involuntary, unpremeditated, unthinking. For defiant, or intentional, I think of deliberate, knowing, willful.* For Paul his life was blessed because of the faith of Jesus. That means Jesus empowers us to fight a battle he has already won. **Pastor Bruce**

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing in our Black letters of Jesus curriculum leaning about "Jesus and the least". God constantly uses the ordinary to do the extraordinary. In this lesson, students will discover how to see God's potential in ordinary circumstances, relationships, and even themselves. They will study Jesus' calling and sending out of ordinary fishermen as well as a modern-day example of someone who saw potential in the world's poorest children. Students will practice the art of seeing potential and be challenged to embrace and encourage it in others. There's a parent guide that goes with this set of lessons that allows you to continue learning together at home, please let me know if you don't have it yet!

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building.

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am
It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word *Chorus*

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love *Chorus*