

Nevertheless I Live Galatians 2.20

One of the things a born again Christian must do every day is Die Daily (1 Cor 15.31)

1 Corinthians 15:31 - . . . I die daily.

This is defined in the Word of God in,

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.

I love that phrase “Nevertheless I live.”

Christian don't you want to live? It is obvious that even lost people would say, **“I Want To Live!”**

Someone unconscious, mangled in a terrible wreck of an accident, their natural body will FIGHT TO LIVE. Their unconscious body will gasp for air and will fight to continue to live. **We are made to live!**

Everything that has life in this world wants to live!

But there is more to physical life than just living. We want to know and have fullness of life. Hence our Lord Jesus Christ has said,

John 10:10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ declare that there is an abundant life that is offered to you. It is far more than any kind of life this natural world could hope to offer you.

People want to Live! So when the Word of God says that we should “die daily” and be crucified with Christ; what happened to Jesus when He was crucified? He died! Well to be crucified with Christ and die, that's just not what we think life is all about.

Why? Because we want to live. We want the “Nevertheless I Live!” Amen!
AMEN!!

Yes indeed.

A. To Be Crucified with Christ - Things that will rob you of your Life In Christ. - Obvious ways people are not Crucified with Christ

- 1. Living in SIN – Why do people get involved in sin?** They don't know what they are doing is sin, you learn that from the Word of God. Second, They think that sin will bring joy and fulfillment into their life.

God tells us that sin will always ruin our lives

James 1:14–15 - But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 John 3

Sin can bring you to determine if you are truly born again.

*1 John 3:4–10 - Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. ⁵And ye know that he was manifested **to take away our sins;** and in him is no sin. ⁶**Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.** ⁷Little children, **let no man deceive you:** he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. ⁸**He that committeth sin is of the devil;** for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. ⁹**Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin;** for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰**In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God,** neither he that loveth not his brother.*

Sins of our day,

Lam 5.15

Galatians 5:19–21 - Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

What sin does to our lives.

Lamentations 5:15–17 - The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning. ¹⁶The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned! ¹⁷For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim.

Mal 1.6

2. Giving Christ less than your best

*Malachi 1:6–14 - A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, **where is mine honour?** and if I be a master, **where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you,** O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? ⁷**Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar;** and ye say, Wherein have we pollute d thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. ⁸And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? **offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.** . . . ¹¹For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same **my name shall be great among the Gentiles;** . . . ¹²But ye have profaned it, . . . ¹³**Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, [Attitude] saith the LORD of hosts; . . . should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.** ¹⁴But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, **and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts,** and my name is dreadful among the heathen.*

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- A. To Be Crucified with Christ -
Obvious way people are not crucified.
1. Living in Sin
 2. Giving Christ less than our best

You might be thinking I am giving God my Best,

- Is it your best when you wear shorts and a tee shirt when you come to Worship, How many Jobs have a dress code, most of them.
- Is your Job more important than God? People wont even ask for Sunday's off anymore so they can prove that they honor God more than their jobs.

- Is your sporting event a priority over God? Churches sit empty on Sundays while people go to football games and many other sporting events by 100,000's and more.

3. Refusing to Obey God

John 14:15 - If ye love me, keep my commandments.

- We are commanded not to forsake the Church

Hebrews 10:25 - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- We commanded not Change the Word of God

Proverbs 30:5-6 - Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ⁶Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Rom 12.2

Deuteronomy 12:32 - What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

- We commanded not to Conform to this world

Romans 12:2 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- We are commanded to be peculiar in this world

Titus 2:14 - Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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1 Peter 2:9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

B. To Live In Christ

1. To Live in Christ is to Live by Faith

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This kind of lively Faith is a Faith that trusts the Lord Jesus Christ and the things he has promised us.

*Romans 1:17 - For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.***

That this life in Christ is a better life than anything this world offers, our Lord says,

*John 10:10 - . . . **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***

2 Cor 5.17

2. To Live In Christ is to Live a New Life

*2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Eph 2.1

The Quickened Life – The kind of life only God can give.

*Psalm 119:25 - My soul cleaveth unto the dust: **quicken thou me according to thy word.***

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*Psalm 119:40 - Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: **quicken me** in thy righteousness.*

*Psalm 119:159 - Consider how I love thy precepts: **quicken me**, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.*

*Ephesians 2:1-5 - **And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: ³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past **in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath,** even as others. ⁴ **But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)***

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3. To Live in Christ offers us,

Psalm 16.11

- A Glorious Eternal Life in the glory of God's eternal kingdom (John 3.16)
- A Glorious Provision in this mortal Life

Matthew 6:31-33 - Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. ³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- A Glorious Joy in life

*Psalm 16:11 - Thou wilt shew me the path of life: **in thy presence is fulness of joy;** at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

- A Revealed Purpose of life

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The Revealed Eternal Rewards – These rewards give us eternal purpose and they will last for all eternity to come. They things of this world are corruptible and momentary.

1. **The Incorruptible Crown (1 Cor 9.25-27)** - Mastering your Christian Journey
2. **The Crown Of Righteousness (2 Tim 4.8)** - Loving His Appearing, Purity, Righteousness (1 John 3.1-3)
3. **The Crown of Rejoicing (1 Thess 2.19-20)** - Soul-Winner Crown
4. **The Crown of Glory (1 Pet 5.2-4)** - Feeding the Flock, the Discipler’s Crown, The Pastor’s Crown
5. **The Crown of Life (Rev 2.10)** - The Martyr’s Crown, Enduring Persecution

How is your Life?

Are you Crucified with Christ? Have you died to the things of this world? What does your life say you are living for?

Can you say, loudly and with great joy,

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