

A wooden cross is centered in the frame against a background of a golden, cloudy sky. The cross is made of dark wood and has a simple, traditional design. The text "Dead...But Alive By Faith" is written in white, sans-serif font across the horizontal beam of the cross.

Dead...But Alive By Faith



*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
Galatians 2:20 (New King James Version)*



A Big Problem

Galatians 2



I am crucified with Christ

Crucified with Christ

Literal Sense

Word used of the thieves who were crucified along with Jesus

(Mark 27:44 – Mark 15:32 – John 19:32)

Figurative Sense

(Romans 6 and Galatians)



I am crucified with Christ

...as many of us as were baptized into

Christ Jesus

were baptized into His death.

Romans 6:3

- **Died to the Law – Romans 7:4**
- **Died to Sin – Romans 6:6-7**
- **Died to the Flesh – Galatians 5:24**
- **Died to the World – Galatians 6:14**



**It is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me**

...because I live, you will live also.

John 14:19b

If anyone loves Me, he will keep My
word; and My Father will love him,
and We will come to him and make
Our home with him.

John 14:23



**It is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me**

For to me, to live *is* Christ...

Philippians 1:21

God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

In some sense Paul no longer sees his life as just living but as a vital living relationship with Jesus Christ



**It is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me**

Now to Him who is able to do
exceedingly abundantly above all that
we ask or think, according to the
power that works in us

Ephesians 3:20

...precious promises, that through
these you may be partakers of the
divine nature...

2 Peter 1:4



**It is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me**

In the past keeping the law had dominated Paul's life
BUT now the Lord Jesus filled that horizon and
dominated his thought life

**We need to be careful not to allow other things to
overshadow the dominate thought of Jesus living
His life through us**



**And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God**

The just shall live by faith.

Habakkuk 2:4

Romans 1:17

Galatians 3:11

Hebrews 10:38

Faith is only as good as its object



**Who loved me
and gave Himself for me**

Two Pillars of the Christian Faith

God's Great Love

God's Great Sacrifice



Have You Died? Reckoned Yourself Dead to

*I am crucified with Christ it
is no longer I who live*

- **The Law**
- **Sin**
- **The Flesh**
- **The World**



Does Jesus occupy you thoughts & live through you in the world?

But Christ lives in me

- **Providing guidance**
- **Providing strength**
- **Providing joy**
- **Providing hope**



Do you live by faith
“Anticipation that God is going to work”

*The life that I now live in
the flesh I live by faith in
the Son of God*

- **Knowing you do not have the resources**
- **Knowing that the Lord does have the resources and will help**
- **You anticipate His working**



Do you ground your faith in the fact that the Lord loves you and proved it?

*The Son of God who loved
me and gave Himself for
me*

- **How can He prove to you His love in a stronger way?**
- **Now He wants to empower you to live life different than others**



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