

- Order of Service -

Call to Worship

Welcoming Prayer

- *My worth is not in what I own*
- *288, Near the Cross*
- *Knowing You, Jesus*
- *62, Oh, How I love Jesus*

**Announcements and Prayer requests
Greeting**

Message in the Word -

Crucified with Christ - Living life in Christ

Living the rewardable life

Colossians 3:1-4, Galatians 2:20

Sending prayer

Communion meal, following service in Fellowship Hall

You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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*“We are identified with Jesus Christ in his
crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, ascension,
and heavenly seating”*

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CHRIST;
IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,
BUT CHRIST LIVES IN
& THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH
I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE
SON OF GOD,
WHO LOVED ME & GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.
GALATIANS 2:20**

- Teaching -

Eric Peterman

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John 3:16 concisely sums up the gospel and our saving justification before God the judge, so our verse today, Galatians 2:20, concisely sums up the Christian life and how sanctification and spiritual growth and success after justification works out. Keeping justification and sanctification (that is the forever-justified believer living and growing in Christ,) keeping these two distinct is the first key to the doorway of a rewarding and meaningful walk in the Spirit until we rise to meet the Lord.

ABC's - key spiritual truths:

- a) **FAITH** (convinced belief, trust and reliance) in the Son of God is the engine, the power for living the believer's life now;
- b) The basis for Christian living is the finished work of Christ; It's all the gracious work of God in His Son Jesus, and none of ours.
- c) The emphasis is upon our **identification by God with Jesus Christ**: I was crucified with Christ (that "me" died with him), **and our spiritual union with Him now** - and now He lives His life in me;
- d) The facts of this verse are true for every believer, but only those believers who continually claim these facts by faith benefit in their daily walk. *Sadly many believers live as if these facts are not true.*

6 Spiritual walking facts for living

1. Faith is the key to victory and power in the Christian life (1 John 5:4-5; Gal. 2:20). I received Christ as my Savior by faith (John 1:12) and in the same way I am to walk and live the Christian life (Col. 2:5-6). It is not by my fleshly trying or struggling, but it is by faith. It is not **my** working (Heb. 4:10), but it is **God working in me** (Phil. 2:13). My part, my fellowship with God is to actively and whole-heartedly trust in Him to do *His great working in and through me.*
2. *I was saved from the **penalty** of sin by believing that **CHRIST DIED FOR ME** and rose again (1 Cor. 15:1-4). I rested in **His** finished work (John 19:30; Rom. 4:5). I can be saved from the **power** of sin by believing that **I DIED WITH CHRIST** (Rom. 6:6; 6:3; Gal. 2:20) and that He is my **LIFE** (Col. 3:1-4). As a saved person I must rest upon **His** finished work (Heb. 4:9-11).*

*The great truth of **SUBSTITUTION** is that **Christ died for me**. To be justified I must believe this truth.*

*The great truth of **IDENTIFICATION** is that **I died with Christ**. To grow in holiness and Christ-likeness (sanctification) I must believe this truth.*

3. **Faith is being convinced that something is objectively true, and so faith must fix itself on the facts of God's Word.** First the believer must **KNOW** the facts concerning his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection (Rom. 6:3--"**Know** ye not"; Rom. 6:6--"**knowing** this"). Secondly the believer must **RECKON** on those facts and count on them as being true (Rom. 6:11--"**reckon**" is a **faith word**; it means that the believer calculates that what God has said is true). Faith rests upon God's facts, which in this case involve the believer's identification with Christ in His death and resurrection.
4. There is a difference between my **POSITION IN CHRIST** (my standing in Him as justified) and my actual **CONDITION** (my actual state in time). My **position** in Christ is perfect, complete and eternal (Col. 2:10; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 8:1) because I stand complete in a perfect Savior (1 Cor. 1:30) and God sees me **IN HIM** (Eph. 1:6; 2 Cor. 5:21).
5. To be saved from sin's penalty I had to see myself as God sees me--as a guilty, lost, hopeless, hell-deserving sinner (Rom. 3:10-23; etc.). God and God alone must do the saving based on the finished work of Christ. Likewise, to be saved from sin's dominion and power after I am justified, I must see myself as God sees me--positioned in His Son and identified with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection and seated with Him in heavenly places (Eph. 2:5-6; Col. 3:1-4). Thus my focus is not upon **myself** and my struggling, failing condition, but **my focus is upon Christ**—His glory, His finished work, His perfect redemption, my new life in Him (2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17).
By faith I reckon upon and appropriate my position in Him, and by God's working the Holy Spirit will be transforming my actual condition into His image from one stage of glory [Christ-likeness] to the next (2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Pet. 3:18).
6. More and more as a growing believer I will search the Scriptures and see the riches that I possess in Christ (Eph. 1:3; 2 Cor. 8:9) and by faith I will claim and appropriate these riches. *I will possess my possessions!* I will reckon myself to be a spiritual billionaire by God's grace! Seeing myself in light of the facts of God's Word, I then by faith **seek to be what I already am!** I am a child of light (Eph. 5:8). Because of this fact, I must **walk** as a child of light (Eph. 5:8). In Christ I am a **SAINT** (1 Cor. 1:2). Because of this fact, I must **live** saintly (Eph. 4:1; 1 Thess. 4:1-7).

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