

Galatians 2:20-21 & 3:1

20. 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.

- **Colossians 1:26-27** "The _____ which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been _____ to His saints. To them _____ willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is _____ in _____, the hope of glory."
- **Romans 8:10** "And if _____ is in _____, the _____ is _____ because of sin, but the _____ is _____ because of righteousness."
- **I John 4:13 & 15** "By this we _____ that we _____ in _____, and He _____ us, because He has given us of His _____. (Verse 15) "Whoever confesses that _____ is the _____ of _____, God _____ in _____, and he in God."
- **Ephesians 1:12-13** "That we who first trusted in _____ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also _____, after you heard the word of truth, the _____ of your _____: in whom also having _____, you were sealed with the _____ of promise."
- **I John 3:24** "Now he who keeps His commandments abides (dwells) in _____, and He _____ him. And by this we know that He _____ in us, by the _____ whom He has _____ us."
- **Romans 8:37** "Yet in all these things we are _____ than conquerors through _____ who _____ us."

Definition: "Christ LIVES IN ME" - How does Christ live in us? By the Holy Spirit, who is also called **the Spirit of Christ**. Some verses use the words "dwell" or "abide" instead of LIVE, but the meaning is the same. The Bible says **the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Christ) comes to LIVE IN YOU the moment you accept Jesus as your Savior**. I John 4:13 and 15, "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God" has the Spirit of God dwelling in them. Ephesians 1:12-13 says that first, you HEARD the WORD of truth, then you TRUSTED in Christ (put your faith in Him, received Him as Savior), then AS SOON as you BELIEVED, you were SEALED with the Holy Spirit. "Sealed" means when you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, **YOUR SPIRIT** is born again, and the **HOLY SPIRIT comes to live in you** as a **GUARANTEE or promise** until your **BODY** is redeemed and made perfect at the **RESURRECTION** (See Romans 8:22-23, Eph. 4:30). According to Romans 8:9, there is no such thing as a Christian who does not have the Holy Spirit living (dwelling) inside of him. **You CANNOT BE a Christian, you CANNOT be SAVED, and NOT have the Holy Spirit IN YOU**, because it says you are "not His" if you don't have His Spirit in you. The **Holy Spirit of God** comes to **LIVE WITHIN your spirit**, and **YOUR SPIRIT** is "born again" when you receive Jesus as your Savior.

- **Romans 8:9** "But you are not in the flesh but in the _____, if indeed the _____ of _____ dwells in you. Now if anyone does _____ have the _____ of _____, he is not His."
- **II Corinthians 1:22** "Who also has _____ us and _____ us the _____ in our _____ as a deposit."
- **I John 3:24** "Now he who keeps His commandments _____ in _____, and _____ in him. And by this we know that _____ abides (lives, dwells) in us, by the _____ whom He has given us."

Definition: "The LIFE which I now LIVE in the flesh I LIVE by FAITH in the Son of God" - We were never meant to try to live "the Christian life" on our own and in our own strength. **We must ALLOW Christ to live out His life in and through us each and every day by FAITH.** "In the flesh" means in this human body of flesh and blood. The Bible tells us that our flesh-and-blood body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit" and **Christ dwells in us by His Spirit**, and it is **our faith in Him, and SURRENDERING our WILL to Him every MOMENT of every day**, that allows Him to live His life through us.

- **I Corinthians 6:17 & 19** "But he who is joined to the Lord is one _____ with Him." "Or do you not know that your _____ is the _____ of the _____, who is _____ you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"
- **I Corinthians 3:16** "Do you not know that you are the _____ of _____ and that the _____ of God _____ in _____?"

Definition: "SPIRIT OF CHRIST" - This is another name for the Holy Spirit, along with "Spirit of God," "Spirit of Truth," "Spirit of the Lord" and "Helper." Notice how the Holy Spirit is called both the "Spirit of **God**" and the "Spirit of **Christ**." These names are used interchangeably, which is just one of many ways that **the Bible teaches there is ONE GOD**, who exists in **THREE PERSONS**: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.

- **II Corinthians 3:17** "Now the _____ is the _____; and where the _____ of the _____ is, there is liberty."
- **I Peter 1:11** "Searching what, or what manner of time, the _____ of _____ who was _____ them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."
- **Ephesians 3:17-19** "That _____ may _____ in your _____ through _____, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with _____ the _____ what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the _____ of _____ which passes knowledge; that you may be _____ with all the fullness of _____."

Definition: "The MYSTERY which has been hidden from ages" - The word "mystery" in the Bible means: "something previously hidden or not known, that is now REVEALED by God."

- **Ephesians 3:3-5** "How that by revelation He made _____ to me the _____ (as I wrote before in a few words, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the _____ of _____), which in other ages was _____ made _____ to the sons of men, as it has _____ been _____ by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets."
- **Romans 16:25-26** "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the _____ of the _____ which was kept _____ since the world began, but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic scriptures has been made _____ to all nations..."

21. I do NOT SET ASIDE the GRACE of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ DIED in VAIN.

- **Romans 11:6** "And if by _____ then it is no longer by works (the law); otherwise _____ is no longer _____. But if it is of works (keeping the law), it is no longer _____; otherwise _____ is no longer _____."
- **Galatians 3:21** "Is the _____ then _____ the promises of God? Certainly not! For _____ there had been a _____ given which _____ have given _____, truly righteousness _____ have _____ by the _____."

Definition: "I do NOT SET ASIDE the GRACE of God" - If you mix in the works of the law (trying to keep the Old Testament commandments), or try to ADD ANYTHING to Christ's work on the cross, you are **"SETTING ASIDE the GRACE of God,"** because you have ADDED your WORKS. The very meaning of GRACE is that it is **UNMERITED (you don't deserve it) and UNEARNED (you can't work for it) FAVOR - being ACCEPTED and LOVED by God** when we have done NOTHING and CAN DO NOTHING to EARN or DESERVE it. We are saved by **GRACE through our FAITH** (Ephesians 2:8-9), and NOT by our works or by keeping the Old Testament Law.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by _____ you have been saved through _____, and that _____ of yourselves, it is the _____ of God; _____ of _____, lest anyone should boast."
- **Romans 4:5-8** "But to him who does not _____ (doing good deeds in order to try to earn salvation) but _____ on Him who _____ the ungodly, his _____ is _____ for _____. Just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God _____ righteousness apart from _____: 'Blessed are those whose lawless _____ are _____, and whose _____ are covered; blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall NOT _____ sin.'"

Definition: "Then Christ DIED in VAIN" - "In VAIN" means "not accomplishing anything, of no value, worthless." If salvation could be bought, earned, worked for, or obtained in **ANY other way than by believing and trusting in Jesus Christ**, then there would have been no need for His sacrificial death on the cross. Remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane? Jesus agonized (He knew what horrible suffering His human body would have to endure) and prayed to the Father and asked "O My Father, if it is POSSIBLE, let this CUP pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." **Don't you think that if there had been ANY OTHER WAY for God to redeem mankind than to put His own precious Son through such tremendous suffering that He would have done it?** For these false teachers to say that ANY believer in Jesus Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, had to keep the Old Testament laws in order to be saved, they were basically saying that what Jesus did on the cross was not enough. If what Jesus did on the cross in dying to pay for our sins was not enough, then truly **Christ DID DIE in VAIN. However, it was NOT in vain** because Jesus said "It is finished!" **He ACCOMPLISHED God's plan** and paid for our salvation in full.

- **Matthew 26:39** "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and _____, saying, 'O My _____, if it is _____, let this _____ pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You _____.'"
- **John 19:28-30** "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now _____, that the _____ might be _____, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when _____ had received the sour wine, He said, "_____ is _____"

_____!" And bowing His head, He _____ up His
_____."

Definition: "IT IS FINISHED!" - The Greek word is "**Tetelestai**" which means **literally, PAID IN FULL**. It is the same word that would be used when someone paid a bill or paid off a debt of any kind - **paid in full**. Just before Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" He cried, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" This cry was a fulfillment of Psalm 22, and what it means is that Christ at that moment was experiencing the abandonment and despair that resulted from **the outpouring of God's WRATH on Him as our sin-bearer**. Jesus had become sin for the whole world, and God cannot look on sin! **Jesus PAID our SIN DEBT** as He hung and suffered on that cross, and God's wrath was poured out on Him instead of on us. When it was finished, He said "Paid in full!"

- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who knew no _____ to _____ sin for us, that _____ might become the _____ of God in _____."

Definition: "LET this CUP pass from Me" - "Drinking the cup" is an expression Jesus used to refer to **all that He would have to go through** in purchasing our salvation. For Him, it meant horrible suffering and death, as **He took the punishment for OUR sins**, and because He paid the price, we may joyfully and freely "drink from the cup of salvation" which He has purchased for us.

- **Psalm 116:13** "I will take up the _____ of _____, and call upon the name of the Lord."
- **Matthew 20:22** "But Jesus answered and said, 'You do not know what you ask. Are you able to _____ the _____ that I am about to _____, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'"

3:1. O foolish Galatians! **Who has BEWITCHED you** that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes **Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as CRUCIFIED?**

- **Acts 8:9 & 11** "But there was a certain man called _____, who _____ practiced _____ in the city and _____ (bewitched) the people of Samaria, _____ that he was someone great." (Verse 11) "And they heeded him because he had _____ (bewitched) them with his _____ for a long time."

Definition: "Who has BEWITCHED you" - The literal meaning of "bewitched" is that a witch has put a spell on someone, such as Simon the Magician practicing sorcery, but **here it just means to be confused, amazed, or out of ones senses**. Paul is telling the Galatian believers that they are confused and out of their senses (CRAZY) to be even considering going back to Judaism and keeping the Old Testament law.

Definition: "Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as CRUCIFIED" - Paul reminds them that they didn't hear any of this false teaching from him! Paul made it very clear in his preaching of the gospel that it is believing in Jesus Christ who was crucified and rose again that saves us.

- **I Corinthians 1:23-24** "But we _____ Christ _____, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, _____ the _____ of _____ and the wisdom of God."

- **I Corinthians 2:1-2** "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did _____ come with _____ of _____ or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined _____ to know _____ among you _____ and him _____."