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Freedom from the Old Me

Galatians 2:20

Too many of us are *trying* to live the Christian life. That's not a contradiction, because the Christian life is, by definition, the life of Christ. He's the only person who has ever lived the Christian life successfully. In order for us to live the Christian life, Jesus must live His life in and through us. We must simply get out of the way.

Freedom Begins With...

I. A Crucifixion

A. We Must Remember Our Crucifixion

- Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ...*

B. We Must Hold Our Own Memorial Service

Oswald Chambers:

“No one is ever united with Jesus Christ until he is willing to relinquish not sin only, but his whole way of looking at things. To be born from above of the Spirit of God means that we must let go before we lay hold, and in the first stages it is the relinquishing of all pretence.”

II. A Metamorphosis

- Galatians 2:20 (ESV) *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me...*
- We all still deal with sin, and that's because we still live in an old house of sin-contaminated flesh. I have a new me, but the new me still lives in an old house.

III. An Expectation

- Galatians 2:20 b *And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God...*
- Faith is living as if God is telling the truth. The essence of faith is taking God at His word.

Stephen Olford:

“Jesus' death gets us from earth to heaven, but His life brings heaven down to earth. Jesus not only died to get you to glory, He died so that glory could come down to you. There is nothing Jesus hasn't been victorious over, and He wants to transfer that victory over to us. His blood gets us to heaven and His body puts heaven in us.”