

The Message Notes

Message: *A Christ Follower's Normal Lifestyle*

Text: Galatians 2:19-20 (NKJV)

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Galatians 2:19. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.
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. (NKJV)

Context:

- Paul wrote to the churches of Galatian because they were suffering from a theological crisis - justification by faith in Christ or by works of the law of Moses.
- Paul addressed our inability by self-effort to keep the law to please God. So, we should forsake the law and live by grace.

Objective: we want to **define** how to live a **normal** Christ follower lifestyle, so we can fulfill being **like Christ** and growing in **closeness** with God and with other Christ followers.

Points to the message: A normal Christ follower's lifestyle consists of the following three points:

PT1. "I NO LONGER LIVE."

v.20a. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live..."

A normal lifestyle of a Christ follower carries with it our co-death with Christ on the cross.

Application of Death on the Cross: Repentance and Suffering

- Repentance – complete change of mind about sin that redirects your life unto God. Repentance goes beyond remorse, regret, or feeling bad about one's sin.
- Suffering – we carry our cross daily

"We carry the cross of Christ daily."

Luke 9:23. And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (ESV)

- The cross through daily suffering unto death blesses us, breaks us, and shares our life with others, Matthew 26:26

PT2. “CHRIST LIVES IN ME.”

v.20b. it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

A normal lifestyle of a Christ follower is our conversion in Christ - exchanging our life for Christ's life.”

- “God's desire is to reproduce Himself in us just like He reproduced Himself in Christ, Philippians 2:13.”

Application: weakness and humility

- Christ's power works in our weaknesses

2 Corinthians 12:8. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. (NLT)

- Christ lives by our humility, thinking of others before yourself, lack of pride and self-centeredness

Philippians 2:3. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourself. (Philippians 2:6-9) (ESV)

PT3. “I NOW LIVE BY FAITH IN CHRIST.”

v.20c. 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.

A normal lifestyle of a Christ follower is living by the conviction of our faith in Christ's salvation, I Corinthians 5:7.

Application: Conduct, Works, and Prayers

- Conduct should show our faith, 2 Peter 3:11-13
- Works should show our faith, Hebrews 11:7
- Prayers should show our faith, Mark 11:24

Whatever the Scriptures say about Christ, it is a fact. Whatever we act on by faith, it is ours in Christ with fortitude.

Our Inspiration: “Who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

2 Corinthians 5:15. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. (NLT)