

The Message Notes

Series: Living by Faith

Message: *Walking by Faith in Christ*

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Text: Galatians 2:20

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Galatians 2:20. 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.

Overview: What is a practical application for a Christ follower to walk by faith in Christ? In our message this morning, Paul teaches us how we put our faith in Christ to obtain the faith **of** Christ to walk like Christ in this present world.

Review: Living by Faith

Message #1. Biblical Faith – We put our **complete trust** and **confidence** in God based on our spiritual comprehension and God’s ability to perform His word even though it is **not** visible to our senses. (Mark 11:22-24)

Message #2. Saving faith – We’re saved by **grace** through **faith** in Christ, it is the **gift** of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Saving faith is **united** with **repentance**. Repentance is **spiritual** (conviction), **intellectual** (understand sin is wrong), and **emotional** (sorrowful) and can be **examined**. (Matthew 3:8)

Message #3. Trial of your Faith – We consider it a complete **joy** in God when our faith is tested by various troubles. We **know** various troubles put our faith on **trial** that produces the **patience of** God in us, which **matures** us in Christ.

- **Tests** – our faith encounters troubles or temptations
- **Trials** – to be a true or a false witness of the faith
- **Testimony** – faith proven by trial

Message #4. Faith in a Strange Land – Our faith in Christ sustains us while we are apart from God, living in a land with people who oppose the knowledge of our God.

- **100%** prayers answered – Pray God’s will – I John 5:14
- **God knows** His plans for you – Shred your plans
- **Be still to know** God – release, become weak, be quiet

Strange Land Mentality: It’s becoming more difficult to live here; you know this world is morally decaying and will in time be destroyed. You live a holy and godly lifestyle; storing up for the life to come and looking forward to the return of Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:11-12)

Our Message: *Walking by Faith in Christ* – Galatians 2:20

1. **My Death** with Christ: “I **have been crucified** with Christ; it is **no longer I who live**”

- My **self**-life been crucified – “I (self) have been crucified with Christ; it is **no longer I (self) who live** -- **External** rule of **self-effort** becomes dead in Christ. References: Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1

“To die to **self** is more **advanced** than dying to **sin**.”

“Man suppresses sin, but God puts the sinner to death.”

2. **My Life** in Christ – “but **Christ lives in** me and **the life** which I now live **in the flesh**, I live **by faith** in the Son of God”

- **My spiritual** life: I live by putting my complete faith in the facts of gospel that I may experience the **power** of Christ working within me. References: Romans 1:16, 6:11

- a) **Dead** to sin – self and the cross
- b) **Alive** to God – Christ rules our hearts
- c) **Live** by faith – complete trust and confidence

3. **My Devotion** of Christ – “who **loved me** and **gave** Himself for **me**.”

- Personal relationship: “God **loves** the world, but He also loves each of us personally.” 2 Corinthians 4:15

Reflections (actions to take):

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2. _____
3. _____

Faith Study Questions:

1. How does the Scriptures teach us to put our faith in God?
References: Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalms 46:10, Psalms 28:7

2. What does the just shall live by faith mean?
References: Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38

3. How do we allow Christ to live in us?
References: Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 3:17, 2 Corinthians 13:5