

# "The Life Which I Now Live in the Flesh"

Gal. 2:20

## Introduction:

- A. Paul contrasts the life he **now** lived with the life he **did** and **would** live.
  - 1. **Did** live under the law but no longer. (v. 19)
  - 2. **Now** lives for Christ.
  - 3. **Would** live with Christ.
- B. Paul points out three marks of the life that he now lived:

## Discussion:

### I. It Was a Life in Flesh. "I Live in the Flesh"

- A. In the flesh without being after the flesh. (Gal 4:16ff; Rom. 8:1)
- B. In the flesh with its weaknesses. (cf. Matt. 26:41)
  - 1. Depend on Christ's blood of Christ. (1 John 1:7-10).
  - 2. Depend on Lord's help. (Heb. 4:17,18).
- C. In the flesh with its relationships.

### II. It Was a Life of Faith. "I Live by Faith in the Son of God".

- A. Faith in **the Son** rather than wisdom & power of men. (1 Cor. 1:23,24; 2:5).
  - 1. Wisdom and power of gospel preached by men (1 Cor. 2:5; Rom. 10:8,14-17)
  - 2. Faith in its all its instructions and promises - to church & individuals.
- B. Faith in Son rather than **sight**. (2 Cor. 5:6-8; Rom. 10:6-8).
  - 1. No longer see the Lord on earth. (cf. 1 Pet. 1:8,9)
  - 2. Have never seen him in heaven.

### III. It Was a Life of Freedom. "I Am Crucified with Christ".

- A. Crucified with Christ means freedom from self. ("No longer I, but..
- B. Crucified with Christ means freedom from O.T. Law. (Gal. 2:16,19;5:4)
- C. Crucified with Christ means freedom from sin. (Rom. 6:1-7)
- D. Crucified with Christ means freedom to serve. (Rom. 7:17-18).

## Conclusion:

- A. Remember, the life you live must be lived NOW - "which I NOW live... You may be planning to live this kind of life SOMEDAY, before you die. Someday may be too late.
- B. Maybe you think you can die in Christ without living in Christ. It can't be done.
- C. Maybe you are planning to live for Christ when things with things are different:
  - 1. When it is more convenient. It may never be.
  - 2. When you can know that you will live without sin. It will never be.
  - 3. When you get all your problems and hindrances solved. It won't happen.
- D. You must make up your mind to serve the Lord now.