

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

“THE CHRIST-LIFE”

GALATIANS 2:19-21

Introduction:

- Only one person can live the Christian life and that is **Christ**.
- You may be thinking, “That’s great, but where does that leave me?” Actually, it leaves you in wonderful shape.
- Our text, in Galatians 2:19-21, will explain why.
- From this text, we will derive three key statements:

First, God’s law cannot *help* you live the Christian life. vs. 19

- God’s law is found in the Old Testament and is a reflection of the righteousness of our God.
- According to verse 19, the law leaves us spiritually **dead**.
- The law was given to show us our **sinful** condition, so we will, in turn, flee to God’s remedy - Jesus Christ! Galatians 3:24
- God never meant for you to take the law and try to **live** your Christian life by it.

Second, you are *crucified* with Christ. vs. 20

- *“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” Romans 6:6*

- This means you can't live the Christian life by exercising **your** power and strength. Why? - Because a dead man has **no** life, power, or strength!

Third, the life of Christ now lives *in* you. vs. 20

- The **only** life you possess is the life of Christ within you. You have **no** life apart from Christ.
- Christ wants to live His life **through** you.
 - As you **depend** on Christ in every situation, He lives the Christian life through you.
- *"Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."* **2 Corinthians 4:10**

- You can't live the Christian life - you're **dead!** But, Christ can live it, and He lives **within** you.
- As you look in **faith** to Christ, He lives His victorious life through you.
- The Christian life is simply living the Christ-life.