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E-votional 46

Crucified with Christ

This is a message for those who are saved to be able to walk in true victory.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Why is the point that we no longer live so important?

Ephesians 2:3 (NIV)

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

James 1:14 (ESV)

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire

When we are still alive according to the flesh we have nothing good in us. In fact, the sin nature along with its own desires and thoughts are always opposed to God.

So, we have been crucified with Christ in order that the true life along with His thoughts and desires may be raised to newness of life within us. Hallelujah!
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Any thoughts or desires opposed to the truth that is in Christ Jesus are subject to immediate removal. They are because our best thinking apart from Christ and the true illumination of the Holy Spirit is nothing but tarnished by sin. God may have created our minds for thinking, but if said thinking is apart from God and the regeneration of the Holy Spirit it is empty and carnal.

This type of empty thinking will, in the long run, draw us further and further from God and will also cause us to become increasingly desensitized to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Do you allow carnal thoughts to run your life or are you crucified with Christ?

2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Paul is referring to imaginations or thoughts that were coming from those who doubted and even denied his Apostleship. Pertaining to this, Paul is saying that rather than explore these accusations and lies, he will just cast them down. An interesting thought to ponder is that this principle is to be applied by not only external opponents but those in the spiritual realm as well. In short, I say spiritual warfare. Basically, any thought or imagination that would seek to exalt itself above the truth whether from within or without must be cast down in Jesus name. The truth of God must take its residence within us at all costs.

This finds its connection to the crucified life by way of denying self or anything else that opposes and exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Both of these are done within our very own heart and soul through diligent prayer and activated in the life fully yielded to the Holy Spirit.

Do you realize that Christ is the life that should be lived in and through you?

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In other words, be filled with the Spirit!

What does it mean to be led?

It is as if you were out backpacking and needed a guide who was familiar with the terrain.

When you get this guide do you do all the work and occasionally refer to the guide for help? Or do you place your trust in the guide who knows the terrain and follow him?

The guide leads and you follow. It is really simple. He will lead you safely through rough terrain as well as the smooth for he knows the terrain.

Romans 8:12-14 (NIV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

A lifestyle of prayer and dependence on God will protect us from temptation.

The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

“Sometimes you need to take a leap of faith first, the trust comes later.” (Man of Steel movie)

This saying jumped out at me while watching a Superman movie. The point anyhow was that one must first take the jump of faith and later learn how it all worked out. Personally, I like this saying because it kind of explains the crucified life where Christ calls us out to simply follow Him through faith. We really don't fully understand it at the time but later learn what it is all about. Praise God!

Where do you stand on this? Are you yielded? And if so, to who?

Our challenge is for all of us to progress in prayer for the Lord remove from us those opposing thoughts and desires so that we can be more than ever in tune with the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Lord prepare us, to be a holy sanctuary where you have full reign over every thought. And if there ever comes an opposing carnal thought within us (and there will be) help us to realize it before it takes permanent residence and give us the power to cast it away. Your word says Father that You keep in perfect peace those whose minds are stayed on You (Isaiah 26:3). We want to desire this more and more as we grow in Your likeness. Thank You, Jesus, for making a way where there was no way and turning our desert wastelands into pools of living water.

In Christ's Love,
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