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Crucified with Christ
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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and 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 up for me.

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- Who died on the cross?
 - I did and Christ did
- in the past; we start here, not aspire to it
- this death is revealing itself in all aspects of my life

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Galatians 2:19

For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.

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- How did I die on the cross?
- I am dead to the Law
 - if I allow the Law to call me unworthy, I'm disbelieving God's grace
- any idea I could rely on me is crucified

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- How many I's do I have?
 - 4 times in this verse
- I= the old me; law keeping and sinning
- I= the new me; alive to holiness and power

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- Who is this new life for?
 - Me and God
- the new I doesn't have to be the center of life
- we live in the flesh but not for the flesh

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- How do I live like this?
 - I really do live
 - now; not tomorrow- I'm using this body and world NOW for His purposes and in new ways
 - There's a break with the old life; daily dying

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- in the body
 - don't separate Christian convictions from lifestyle choices and body choices
 - does what you do with your body contradict what you say you believe?
- HOW?

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- faith in the one who loved and died for me
 - all sin comes from a belief; all obedience comes from belief, too!
- he loved me
 - the world and sinners; but ME
 - before the foundation of the world, he loved and gave
 - the cross is forever proof of God's love

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- this is our cry as Christians; our birthday poem and our goodbye epitaph

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- “I will live my life for the glory of God because Jesus loves me. He loved me and he willingly died for me. I will die to my attempts at being good and to my fear of not being good enough. Christ fulfilled the law, ended its power, and crucified my need to fulfill the flesh- so I will live for the glory of God because Jesus loves me.”

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- will you believe Satan or Christ?
- we aren't called to follow a cruel, distant, cold God
- and not just to follow, but to love him!