

Sermon Notes NO LONGER I Graham Fabian 20.9.09

Galatians 2:20 can stand alone – rich and beautiful; verse can keep adding to your life.

Recap: Phil 3:13-16... Walking to 'the degree we have already attained'... recall the words of life sown in and hold to them dearly... Mark 6 – Jesus could do no mighty works in His home town due to lack of honour that enhanced unbelief & Mark 7 reinforcing that the traditions of men (preconceived ideas, faulty ways of thinking) nullify (make of no effect) the Word of God.. Cannot forget the One who lives in us; Colossians 1:27... this is a truth we must cling too...

Leviticus 10:10... do be very aware of what is holy and what is not; being careful not to shade the lines between what is righteous and what is evil; distinguishing between the common and the sacred...CHRIST IN US IS NOT COMMON... The Name of Jesus is not common... '*hallowed be Thy Name*'... holy is Your Name (& to be kept holy)... Honouring what God honours – He values the unsaved and the saved... loved the world so much He gave His life to purchase all... honouring by way of preferring others; honouring the king (not necessarily agreeing with what is said and done but honouring the position as filled by God).. honouring parents by way of giving respect.

John 12... unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies... it remains alone... but... great fruitfulness & production when it does... God honours a life laid down in service for Him. The grain of wheat (incorruptible Seed) became the Bread of Life. Galatians 2:20; we sing it and to live it is radically good.

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The Cross can be viewed as a negative or positive symbol. Galatians 2:20 is a message of life; while death is mentioned; life is mentioned many more times.

Christ was crucified at a critical time; our calendar revolves around it. No matter what we believe, God either sees people in Adam or in Christ.

1 Peter 2:24

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:19-20: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

A: I HAVE BEEN **CRUCIFIED...**

1 **CRUCIFIED TO THE LAW:**

Galatians 2:19

Romans 7:1-6

Titus 2:11-15; grace of God; do not neglect the Word but out of relationship we live holy lives

2 **CRUCIFIED TO THE WORLD**

Galatians 6:14-15

Colossians 2:8-10, 20-22

3 CRUCIFIED TO THE FLESH

DEAD TO SELF (see how many pages are devoted to self in an ordinary dictionary)

The very essence of Scripture is not about 'me' but about 'life' – freedom from self; (often our worst enemy)

Romans 7:24-25 illustration of corpse strapped to living bodies as form of death penalty – left to our own devices we would destroy ourselves... who will rescue us? Who did rescue us?

Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ.

B: I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED

The cross: X marks the spot where I laid my life down.

The stench of sin is gone; the guilt of sin is gone; the corruption of sin is gone; beyond Old covenant forgives – in Christ came a cleansed conscience as result of the power of sin being dealt with; the sin nature dealt with; the blood of Christ so far superior to the blood of bulls.. Hebrews 9.

OT Psalm 103... who forgives all... heals all... **amazing fulfilment and fullness through Christ (so precious this truth – to be clung to and nurtured as critically precious)**

Legs on Galatians 2:20:

- I. Luke 9:23... if anyone come after Me, let him **deny** himself
- II. Philippians 1:21
- III. Hebrews 12:2

Galatians 2:20; crucified to the law, the world and self. John 10:10... alive to abundant life

The presence of God within... can not treat as a common thing. We are all created in the image of God but it is believers that have Christ within – 'holy thing'

We lay our life down, every good thing is supplied. We lay our life down, we receive a new way of living... where we pray our lives would fulfil God's purposes and plans (*over His plans & purposes for us blessing us*)... Jeremiah 29:11 is about filling His plans! THEY are life to us.