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Dead And Alive

How can I be both dead and alive? Aren't I either dead or alive? **Your question seems logical enough. But, the only way that you can be alive is if you are dead.** I'm confused. I hope you will explain this to me. **Yes, I will. At one time, you were very much alive to the evil of this world. You were ruled by your passions and lusts. Your thoughts, words and actions were all thought, said, or done according to the values and wisdom of this world. You lived a self-centered, self-indulgent, and self-reliant life. You did whatever you wanted whenever you wanted. You lived entirely for your own comfort and pleasure. You had no time for me. You had no interest in me. Am I painting a fair picture of your old life? Yes, you are. You were also living a bruised and broken life. You were experiencing the wages and consequences of your sin. Which is death. Yes, it is. You were living in darkness. You were living in death. You were living apart from me. Yes, I was.**

I may confuse you a little more. Go ahead. **The only way you can be alive is if you are dead. The only way you can be dead is if you are alive.** You are right I'm even more confused. **Be patient, I'll explain. You'll get it, I know that you will.** I'm listening. You have my full attention. **I was unwilling to leave you living in your sin filled dead life. I was unwilling to leave you forever separated from life with me. So, I came into this world to die on the cross for your sins. I broke the power that sin held over your life. I made it possible for you to cry out to me. Which, I did. Yes, you did. You asked me to forgive your sins. You asked me to cleanse you of all your unrighteousness. Yes, I did. Well, I did forgive and cleanse you of all your sins. Your sins and your old life were nailed to the cross with me. Your old life died on the cross with me. Are you getting this now? Maybe, tell me more. Your old life died on the cross so you could live a new life with me. You were dead in sin. But, now you are dead to sin. There is a huge difference.** I see it. When I was dead in sin I was powerless to live the life you wanted to give to me. Now, because I am dead to sin, it has no power over me. **That's right.** Now, I am free to live the life that you have given me to live. **Yes, you are.**

Really, I could also say, I no longer live. It is you that is living in and through me. **Yes, I am.** My old life is dead and gone. It was put to death on the cross with you. **Yes, it was.** The life that I am now living is the life that you have given me to live. **Yes, it is.**

Lord, thank you that my old sin filled life is dead and gone. All my sin was nailed on the cross. Now, I am forgiven. Now, I have been cleansed by your blood. Now, I have been set free. Now, I have a completely new life to live. Amen

Life *Christ Lives In Me*

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NIV Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Who Lives In Me*

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

ESV Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Lives In Me*

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

NLT Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Lives In Me*

I have been crucified with Christ; 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 for me.

NKJV Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Who Lives In Me*

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NRSV Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Lives In Me*

Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

NIV Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Lives In Me*

I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

AMP Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Lives In Me*

I have been crucified with Christ: and I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. And the real life I now have within this body is a result of my trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

TLB Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Lives In Me*

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NASB Galatians 2:20

Life *Christ Who Lives In Me*

I was put to death on the cross with Christ, and I do not live anymore—it is Christ who lives in me. I still live in my body, but I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself to save me.

NCV Galatians 2:20

Christ Lives In Me

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Life – Galatians 2:20

In Context: *Read Galatians 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, thank you that my old sin filled life is dead and gone. All my sin was nailed on the cross. Now, I am forgiven. Now, I have been cleansed by your blood. Now, I have been set free. Now, I have a completely new life to live. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?)

(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

Why was Jesus Christ willing to give up His life to die on the cross for you?

Why was it absolutely necessary for Jesus Christ to die on the cross as payment for your sins?

How have you surrendered your old life to Christ so you can live the new life you have in Him?

What happened to your old sin filled life when it was nailed to the cross with Jesus Christ?

How does your new life in Jesus Christ compare with the old life you once lived?

How has your life shifted from being self-centered to Christ centered as you have followed Him?

How is your faith in Jesus Christ helping you to live out the new life He has given you to live?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Live the life of being dead to sin and alive to God that Jesus Christ has secured for you on the cross.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that you are now dead to sin and alive to God because of what Jesus Christ did for you on the cross.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how Jesus Christ has given you a completely new life to live with Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be dead to sin and alive to God through all that Jesus Christ has done for you on the cross.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, thank you for making me dead to sin and alive to God through all you did for me on the cross.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I fully live the new life you have given me today as I follow and serve you?
