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**Confession:** *This is my Bible, the Living Word of God. I am, what the Word says I am. I have, what the Word says I have. I can do, everything the Word says I can do, and I will do it, in Jesus Name!*

**Text: Galatians 2:20** 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 up for me.

**(TPT)** “My old identity has been co-crucified with Messiah and no longer lives; *for the nails of his cross crucified me with him*. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me—*we live in union as one*! My new life is empowered by the faith of the Son of God who loves me so much that he gave himself for me, and dispenses his life into mine!

1. **The Old Man is Dead; Christ Now Lives IN us**
2. **Romans 6:3-14** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into His death**? 4Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection, 6knowing this, that our old man was crucified **with *Him****,* that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8Now if we died **with Christ**, we believe that we shall also live **with Him**, 9knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. 11Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God **in Christ Jesus our Lord**. 12Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. 14For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
3. Paul admonishes us 3 times that we are to know that we have been baptized into Christ Jesus death and His Resurrection, that the old man has been crucified, and sin and death no longer have dominion over us.
4. So now we are to “reckon” that our old life that was inseparably linked to sin because of Adam and that IN Christ, the Second Adam that old self is gone is vital to our faith.
5. The old sin nature is completely dead and removed far from us as though sin never happened. We are now just as righteous and holy as Christ is and we will forever be so because of His one sacrifice.
6. **1 Corinthians 15:34 AMP** Be sober-minded [be sensible, wake up from your spiritual stupor] as you ought, and stop sinning; for some [of you] have no knowledge of God [you are disgracefully ignorant of Him, and ignore His truths]. I say this to your shame.
7. Our new identity is not about trying harder or gradually altering our behavior it is about an awakening to the radical change that has already occurred within us when we were united into Christ.
8. Faith is not just a single moment of acceptance of Christ, but it is an ongoing dependence on Him as our Source of this new Life we now share with Him.
9. **2 Peter 1:2-4** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **3**as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **4**by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that* *is* in the world through lust.
10. We cannot move forward in what God has prepared from us IN Christ if remain stuck in the past or bound in habitual sin due ignorance of who He is IN us and the Life we now share IN with Him.
11. We must awaken to fact that we died IN Christ in His Death when He was made to be sin for us at the Cross and IN Him, we no longer have past that defines us, and now we are to be partakers IN the Life of Christ with Him.