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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.

**Introduction:** Imagine standing at the foot of the Cross—not as a distant observer, but as one included in the suffering and triumph of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us something amazing: “I have been crucified with Christ…” Not will be, not should be, but have been. In God’s eternal view, your old self—every sin, shame, and striving—was nailed to the Cross and died, with Him.

 This verse is not just Paul’s testimony; it is every believer’s new identity. It is a divine declaration of transformation. This is the Gospel in its most personal form: Christ did not just die for the world—He died for you, and even more, as you. Today we will unpack the miracle of this exchange:

1. That the crucifixion of Christ was your death to sin, and His resurrection your birth into divine Life.
2. We will explore what it means to live no longer from the old "I" of guilt and fear, but from the new “Christ in me”—a life infused with victory, authority, and intimacy with the Son of God.
3. We will discover what it means to live by faith—living from the unseen reality of Christ alive in you.
4. This is not just a sermon—it is your spiritual biography, IN Christ.
5. **The Finished Work of the Cross – “I have been crucified with Christ”**
6. **I have been crucified with: sustauroó** (soos-tow-ro'-o) to be crucified along with, crucified together with
7. The phrase “have been” declares a finished act, not an ongoing process.
8. In Christ, it is a spiritual reality that we were present with Him at the Cross—our old self nailed there with Jesus.
9. Christ is not still on the cross. We are not in a continual dying process—we died once with Him.
10. At the Cross, your old self—its sin nature, its bondage—died once and for all.
11. **Romans 6:3-11** Or aren’t you aware that all of us who were baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried **with Him** through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified **with Him** so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. For anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died **with Christ**, we believe that we will also live with Him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you too must count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God **in Christ Jesus**.
12. We were spiritually present at Calvary, IN Christ through our divine union.
13. Christ did not just die for us—He died as us, as our Substitute.
14. We no longer are striving to crucify what God has already nailed to the Cross.
15. Redemption is complete. Your old man is not under construction—it is under the tombstone; Christ now lives in you!
16. **A Radical Identity Exchange – “and I no longer live”**
17. Salvation is not behavior modification—it is a spiritual transformation founded in His Death, Burial, and Resurrection.
18. The old spirit nature, enslaved to sin, died. Your soul (mind, will, emotions) and body remain, but your spirit now carries His Divine DNA.
19. **2 Corinthians 5:14-17** For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one according to the flesh. Although we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come!
20. Imagine a funeral for your old self. The tombstone reads “Here lies Self-effort, Guilt, Fear, and Condemnation. Born of Adam in sin, died with Christ at the Cross.”
21. Your testimony begins with a death certificate and ends with a new birth certificate.
22. The “I” that was a slave to sin, ruled by guilt, shame, and condemnation no longer lives—so no longer answer to it.
23. **Christ In Me: The New Garment – “but Christ lives in me.”**
24. The indwelling Christ is not symbolic—it is literal and it is an eternal reality.
25. Imagine standing before a mirror, wearing filthy rags of guilt and self-reliance. Jesus steps in, removes your rags, and clothes you in His spotless robe of righteousness. You walk away not in your old identity but in His, every stitch infused with His Life.
26. Old garment = self-effort, sin, guilt, shame, condemnation
27. New garment = Christ’s Life woven into your heart, His Righteousness, and freedom
28. Exchange point = Your crucifixion with Him and your resurrection with Him.
29. Like exchanging filthy rags for a royal robe, we are clothed in righteousness. (Isaiah 61:10)
30. Our former sinful identity (self-performance, pride, guilt) has been replaced by a Person—Jesus Christ Himself.
31. **1 Corinthians 6:17** “He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.”
32. Identity is not what you have or have not done, but Who lives in you. You are not merely forgiven—you are eternally IN Christ.
33. It is vital that our identity shifts from “me” to “Christ in me.”
34. No longer are we trying to earn a robe that has already been tailored-made just for you. Put on Christ and never look back. (Ephesians 4:20-24)
35. All that was our former sinful self has been crucified with Christ and no longer lives! All that He is, you are—by spiritual union IN Him. We have become one with Christ!
36. From the moment of the new birth, we now identify ourself completely with Christ, and we now live out of His Life instead of our former nature.
37. **Living the Resurrected Life – “The life I live in the body”**
38. Your “natural birthday” marks your entrance into the world, but your new birth anchors you to eternity, IN Christ!
39. The real you, your spirit man died with Christ on the Cross, and you were born-again right along with Christ when He was raised from the dead 2,000 years ago!
40. You died with Him, you were buried with Him, you were raised with Him, and you ascended with Him.
41. You did not just receive Eternal Life—you received His Resurrection Life. New in kind and new in quality!
42. Do not let your present physical reality define your spiritual identity.
43. Your old address is sinful flesh that is dead, but your new residence is, IN Christ. IN Christ is an actual, tangible, and eternal location.
44. Though still in your physical body, the real you – your spirit man is enthroned at God’s right hand, IN Christ. (Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 3:1-4).
45. **The Power of Faith Activation – “I live by faith in the Son of God”**
46. **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of what we hope for and the certainty of what we do not see.
47. In the Kingdom, faith is the currency—your means of accessing every promise that belongs to you IN Christ.
48. Faith transcends the senses, sees what Grace has made available, and lays hold of it as its present possession. In the Spirit it is done. In the natural it is only a matter of time. (Hebrews 10:23, 35)
49. Through joint participation and intimate fellowship (koinónia) with Christ Jesus, we receive spiritual insight into who we truly are (epignósis), and by faith we activate the flow of His Life within us (energés).
50. Our reality shifts from visible circumstances to spiritual Truth. We live by His Word—not by the five physical senses.
51. The only way to live this life of Christ is by approaching Him in faith and allowing Him to introduce us to our new self—who we are, what we have, and what we can do, now that we are IN Christ.
52. Faith is not wishing—it is stepping into the reality of Redemption. (1 John 4:17)
53. In the Kingdom you do not become or receive anything by trying harder—you receive by believing and receiving what Grace has already provided for you, IN Christ. (Philippians 4:13)
54. **Love That Exchanged Everything – “who loved me and gave Himself for me”**
55. Holy Spirit makes it personal to each one of us. Jesus did not die for humanity in theory—He died for ME!
56. Jesus laid aside divine privilege, stepped into your sin, bore the curse, and died the death you deserved.
57. **John 3:16-17** For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.
58. The Cross was not a transaction. It was an adoption. It cost Jesus everything.
59. In exchange we receive His Life, His Victory, His Inheritance, His Authority, His Name, and His Blessing!
60. This is Agape love in action—nothing can separate you from it.
61. **Romans 8:37-39** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
62. **Conclusion: Living from the Inside Out**
63. Are you living from the “I” of self-effort… or resting on “Christ in me?”
64. Galatians 2:20 is more than a verse—it is a declaration of transformation.
65. The crucifixion was the gateway. Resurrection is the daily walk. Christ does not merely forgive us—He inhabits us.
66. Let these Truths sink deep: you were crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, resurrected with Christ, and seated with Christ, in heavenly places at the Father’s right hand. Now walk from that victory.
67. Trade your striving for surrender. Let the Exchanged Life become your everyday reality in every area of your life.
68. Declare Galatians 2:20 and other “IN Christ Scriptures” over your life as Paul did as an example to us.
69. “Greater is He Who is IN me that he that is in the world. I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me. Thanks be to God Who always causes me to triumph, IN Christ” (1 John 4:4, Philippians 4:13, 2 Corinthians 2:14)