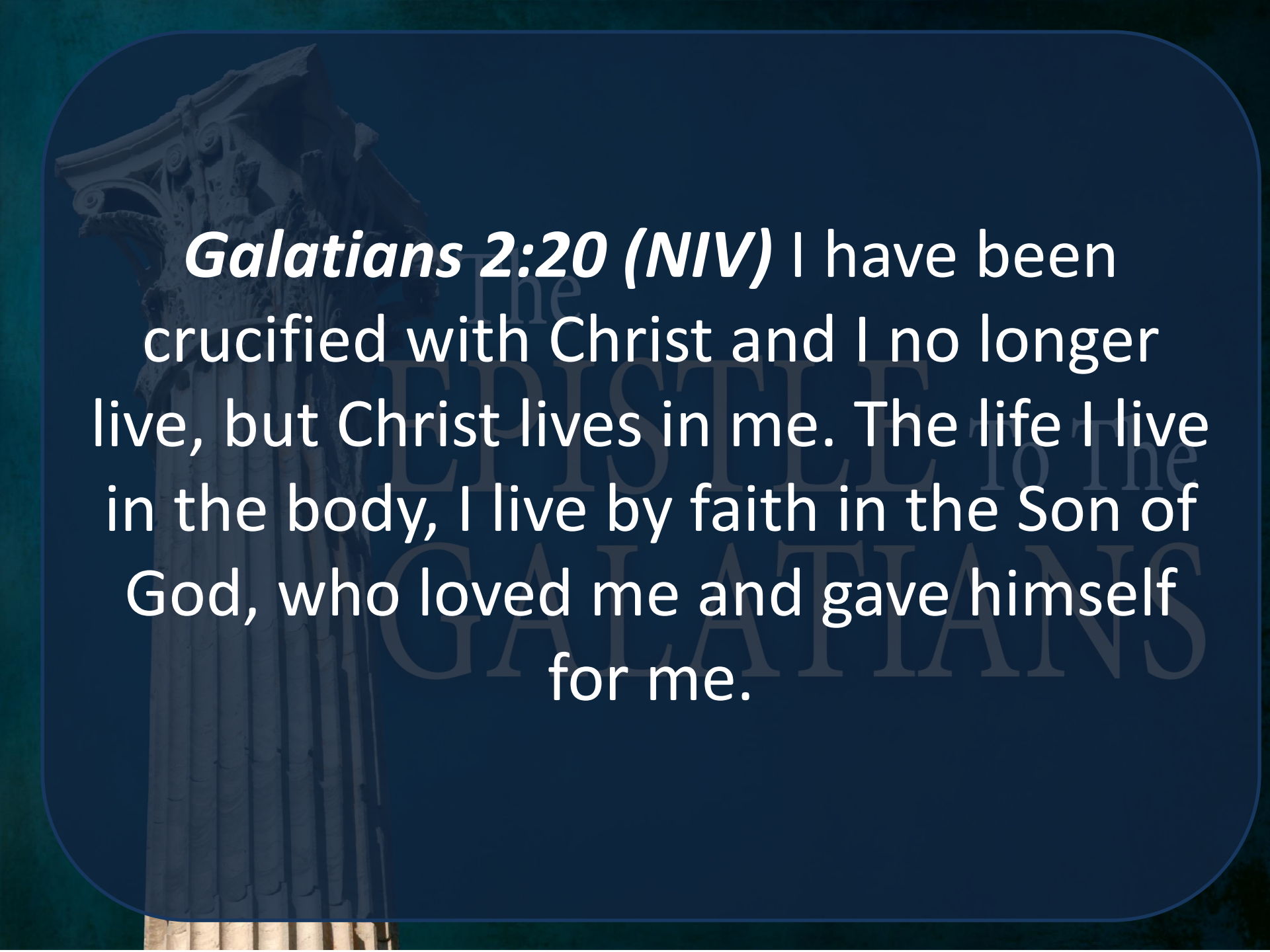




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"THE LIFE I LIVE"

Chapter 2



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A. It is something that we all experience.

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Romans 7:15-24 (NIV) ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

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¹⁹ For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

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²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

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Galatians 5:17 (NIV) For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.



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C. We are all aware of the destructive nature of sin.

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D. We are aware of the powerful attraction of sin.

James 1:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴ but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

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D. We are aware of the powerful attraction of sin.

“Why would God make sin so attractive?”

“Why does He leave us so vulnerable and weak?”

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II. THE VICTORY OVER SIN

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live”

A. Putting us to death.

Romans 6:6-14 (NIV) ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

II. THE VICTORY OVER SIN

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⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

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¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

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Galatians 5:1-2,4 (NIV) ¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.

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⁴ You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

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Galatians 5:9 (NIV) "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."

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Galatians 2:21 (NIV) I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

III. DEAD, BUT ALIVE.

“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 am Born Again by a New Nature

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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And whatever good he hath, or doeth, from that hour when he first believes in God through Christ, faith does not "find," but "bring." This is the fruit of faith. First the tree is good, and then the fruit is good also.

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B. I am dedicated to a New Lord

But the Christianity which has enough of self left in it to think that by its own efforts it can please God and that by its own achievements it can show itself superior to other men is not true Christianity at all. —Barclay's Daily Study Bible

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Romans 1:1 "Paul a bond slave of Jesus Christ."

James 1:1, "James a bond slave of Jesus Christ."

II Peter 1:1 "Peter a bond slave of Jesus Christ."

Jude 1:1 "Jude a bond slave of Jesus Christ."

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Galatians 5:16 (NIV) So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

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James 2:24 (NIV) You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.



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