Christ Lives in You! (Gal. 2:20)

➤ Intro:
- Jn. 16:23 God and Jesus come to us and make their abode with us
- Jn. 17:20-21 we are one together in God and Jesus, because believe apostles
- Gal. 2:20 What does it mean for Christ to live in you?

➤ You were crucified with Christ! – that’s when Jesus began living in you
- Gal. 2:20a crucified with Christ
  - illus.: review Friday of crucifixion – you with Christ

➤ - Rom. 6:23 death, penalty we must pay for sin – paid when crucified with Christ
  - 1 Pet. 2:24 Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross, so we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds we were healed
  - illus.: you made a big mistake, convicted of crime, on death row, guards taking you to electric chair, second before strapped in a man interrupts the proceedings and takes your place, electrocuted to death

➤ - Rom. 6:3, 6a, 6b-7 when baptized, crucified with Christ – baptized into His death, united with Him
  - Col. 2:12-13 buried with Him in baptism, raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, made alive together with Him, forgiven us all our transgressions

➤ You no longer live, but Christ lives in you! – you died when baptized
- Gal. 2:20a you know longer live, Christ lives in you
  - 1 Cor. 15:31 die daily

➤ - Gal. 5:24-25 therefore you walk by the Spirit – spiritual walk of life
  - Gal. 5:22-23, 19-21 fruit of the Spirit, rather than deeds of the flesh

➤ - Gal. 6:14 therefore you only boast in the cross of Christ
  - 1 Cor. 1:18 word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God
  - Rom. 1:16 gospel (word of cross) power of God unto salvation

➤ - Col. 3:10 put on the new man (self), renewed in knowledge
  - Col. 2:11 when baptized, old man cut off – circumcised
  - Col. 2:12 when baptized, buried and raised up – died to sin
  - Col. 2:13 when baptized, made alive together with Christ – saved, eternal life
  - Col. 3:1 when baptized, raised up with Christ, who is seated at the right hand of God – location
  - Col. 3:3 when baptized, life is hidden with Christ in God – protection, security

- having put on the new man. . . .
  - Col. 3:1-3, 5, 8-9 seek things above, set mind on things above, no longer live in sin
  - Col. 3:4 have eternal home in heaven
The life you live in the flesh, you live by faith in the Son of God!
- Gal. 2:20 live by faith in the Son of God – walk by the Spirit
  - Rom. 10:17 faith comes by. . . / Rom. 1:16 above, power of God / 1 Cor. 1:18 above, word of the cross
  - 2 Cor. 5:7 we walk by faith, not sight

- illus.: Abraham – believe, obey, saved
  - Gal. 3:6-9, 11 Abraham, believe, reckoned as righteousness
- Heb. 11:8 a person who believes, obeys, saved (cf. Heb. 5:9) – faith, called, obeyed
- Gal. 3:26-27, 29 faith in Christ, baptized, Abraham’s descendants, heirs, saved
- Gal. 5:6b faith works through love – faithful until death (Rev. 2:10)

You give yourself up for Jesus, as He gave Himself up for you! – your responsibility, desire
- Gal. 2:20 all possible, because Jesus loves you, gave self – so you. . . .

- because Jesus gave Himself up for you (loved), . . .
  - Jn. 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

- you are a living sacrifice
  - Rom. 12:1 “Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice. . . .”

- you glorify God in your body, which is a temple of the Holy Spirit
  - 1 Cor. 6:19-20 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Summary / Inv.
- when baptized, you were crucified with Christ – dept paid, gift received
- now, Christ lives in you – you live by faith in the Son of God – you give yourself up for Jesus
- inv.: baptized, crucified, live by faith, give yourself up for Jesus