

c. I live by faith in the Son of God (v.20)

“Saving faith cannot be reduced to a one-time decision or event in the past; it is a living, dynamic reality permeating every aspect of the believer’s life.”¹

i. Faith’s object: God’s _____.

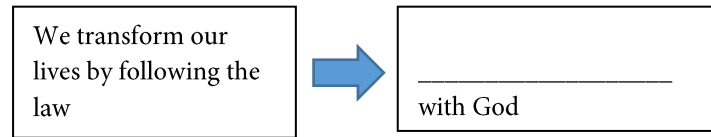
ii. Faith’s alternatives

We have to live _____ the flesh (2:20) but we should not live _____ the flesh (3:3).

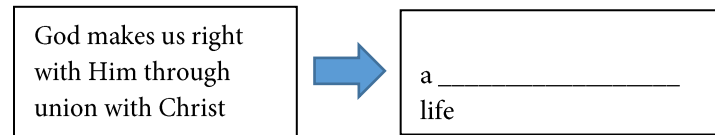
iii. Faith’s _____

“Now when I live my life and make my choices and do my work, I do so remembering who I am by faith in Christ, who loved me so much! The inner dynamic for Christian living is right here.! Only when I see myself as completely loved and holy in Christ will I have the power to repent with joy, conquer my fears, and obey the One who did all this for me.” (Timothy Keller, Galatians for You, p. 62)

**Justified by Faith, So Live by Faith
Galatians 2:19-21**



OR



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1. In Christ, the living have already died (v.20)

a. Because of crucifixion with Christ, his followers are dead to the _____ (v.19)

“Died to” describes a decisive break that happened in Paul’s relationship with the Law because of the cross of Christ. How did that decisive break happen “through the law,” and what does the break mean?

- The law led Paul to the necessity of a substitute (crucifixion with Christ). Therefore, Paul didn’t look to the law for salvation any longer. (Romans 3:20)
- The law carried out its curse of death on us when Christ died in our place. Therefore we don’t look to the law as having legal authority over us any longer. (Romans 7:4)

¹ George, T. (1994). [Galatians](#) (Vol. 30, p. 201). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

What do those truths mean?

- They raise the question, “Does the Law of Moses have any role in a Christian’s life?”
- They challenged the Galatians not to go back to what they had died to.
- They challenge all Christians to not go back to the things we have died to.

“Elsewhere Paul used the expression ‘to die to’ not only with reference to the law but also in relation to the self, sin, and the world. In each of these cases Paul meant that his relationship to these entities—self, sin, world, law—had been so decisively altered by his union with Christ that they no longer **control, dominate, or define** his existence.”²

Principle: Union with the death of Christ leads to a decisive break from whatever was controlling, dominating, or defining us before we placed our faith in Christ alone.

b. Because of crucifixion with Christ, his followers are dead to _____ (v.20)

Principle: Union with the death of Christ leads to a decisive break from the centrality of “self” in the way we live. “Self” is de-throned because we died and because we have a new king who died for us.

2. In Christ, the dead are more alive than ever

a. I live to God (v.19)

I used to rely on the law, now I rely on God (Gal. 2:19-20).

I used to be dead in my sin, now I’m alive in Christ (Gal. 2:20).

My life used to be centered on self, now my life is centered on God (Gal. 2:20).

I used to belong to sin, now I belong to God (Rom. 7:4).

I used to be a child of sin, now I’m a child of God (Gal. 3:26).

I used to bear fruit for sin, now I bear fruit for God (Rom. 7:4).

I used to put my confidence in my own strength, now I put my confidence in God (Gal. 3:10).

b. Christ lives in me (v.20)

Romans 8:9-10 *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

² George, T. (1994). [Galatians](#) (Vol. 30, p. 199). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.