

## Galatians 2:20

### CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST AND NOW I LIVE

- I. The personal confession.
  - A. The intent of this passage is that we, by faith, go along with this very personal confession and make it our own.
  - B. Nonetheless this personal confession is based on and is an expression of objective reality.
    - 1. What Paul confesses was true - a reality.
    - 2. This is a past accomplishment which results in a present reality.
  - C. Both election and the atonement were for each elect personally as well as for the elect as an organic whole.
- II. The blessed reality.
  - A. Christ died by crucifixion.
    - 1. The Son of God took upon Himself all the guilt of our sin and sinfulness, becoming a curse for us (3:10-13).
    - 2. My relationship to Him is so real and so close that it is as though I personally hung on His cross.
  - B. "Nevertheless, I live."
    - 1. The life of Christ (and of us) is the life of the crucified One, i.e., One who came out of death.
    - 2. This life is only by faith because we still live "in the flesh."
- III. The solid basis.
  - A. The Son of God loved me.
    - 1. Jesus is identified as very God. We were purchased with the very blood of God!
    - 2. In Jesus' love to the Father was also His love toward me.
  - B. Text emphasizes that the Son of God loved me in the moment of the cross, when He gave Himself for me.
    - 1. It was His love at the cross which was the revelation of the eternal love of the Triune God.
    - 2. This love was sovereign.
    - 3. He loved me personally.