

“CHRIST LIVES IN ME”

(Galatians 2:20a)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL

A. PAUL’S INTRODUCTION (1:1-5)

B. The Galatians DESERTION from the True Gospel. (1:6-10)

C. Paul’s HISTORICAL DEFENSE of the Divine Origin of the True Gospel (1:11-24)

D. Paul’s DEFENSE for the TRUTH of the Gospel at Jerusalem and Antioch (2:1-14)

E. Paul’s EXPLANATION of JUSTIFICATION by faith (2:15-21)

1. The IDENTIFICATION of your Christian Life... “*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live...*”

a. The *reality of identification truth* is set forth by the words _____.

* Is the preposition “*with Christ*” (or “*in Christ*”) really that significant in the New Testament?

* Is this phrase “*in Christ*” ever found in the Old Testament?

* Is “*knowing*” your position in Christ and your identity with Him really that important?

b. The *facts of identification truth* are...

(1) You have been _____ with Christ.

* perfect tense –

* passive voice –

* indicative mood –

* Do you know the difference between substitution truth and identification truth?

* What does all of this indicate?

(2) Now it is no longer you who _____.

* present tense –

* active voice –

* indicative mood –

* What does all of this underscore for you as a believer?

2. The POWER of Your Christian Life... “it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...”

a. *Negatively*, the Christian life is the “_____” life.

* Is “self” a problem in the average believer’s life?

* What are some man-made ways of seeking victory over your flesh?

* What is God’s method of dealing with your sin nature?

b. *Positively*, the Christian life is “_____”.

* How does Christ accomplish this?

* How does this apply to you personally?