

4th Week of October

Live for Jesus

- **Scripture:** Galatians 2:20 (October 21)
- **Bottom line:** We who have been saved by the grace of the cross must live for Jesus, who died for us.

≡ 1. Praise

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≡ 2. Prayer

Thank you, God, for caring for us with so much love. Help us grow in faith, hope, and love, and lead us to be a family that brings joy to You.

≡ 3. The Word

Read Galatians 2:20 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

<ESV>

20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

<NASB>

20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Understanding Text

We are saved because we believe in Jesus, who died on the cross to take all our sins. Paul, who knows the grace of the cross, confesses that he does not live in self-centeredness, but in faith in Jesus, who laid down His life for him. For those who know the grace of salvation, the reason and purpose of life is Jesus.

Understanding the text for leaders

Paul preached the gospel in Galatia on his first preaching tour. The Galatian cities Paul visited were Antioch, Lconion, Lystra, and Derbe. Everywhere he went, Jews interfered with him, so he had no choice but to keep moving around and preach the gospel. In spite of such obstacles, churches were established wherever Paul went and preached the gospel. During his second preaching tour, Paul visited Derbe and Lystra and preached the gospel, and the church there became stronger and the number of believers increased day by day (Acts 16:1~5). He also visited this area on his third preaching tour and took care of the church (Acts 18:23). However, false teachers came into the church in Galatia, where Paul had taken care of so diligently, and taught them that faith in Jesus was not enough, and that they should keep the law. They also questioned Paul's apostleship and incited the Saints that the gospel that Paul preached was wrong. In response, Paul emphasized in Galatians that his apostleship was not man, but was given directly by God. It also confirmed that the truth of justification by faith in Jesus is an indisputable fact. Paul, who was a Pharisee and was well versed in the law, was changed after he met the resurrected Lord. He understood the limitations of the law, and he knew for sure that salvation was completed only by the grace of Jesus' cross. That's why he confesses that he doesn't live his life as his own master, but that he lives by faith in Jesus, who laid down His life for him. For Paul, the only reason and purpose of life is to believe in Jesus and preach Jesus.

4. Sharing

1) Paul said that since he died on the cross with Jesus, who now lives in him? Also, how did you confess that you live ? (verse 20).

Upper Grades

How does Paul, who believes in Jesus who died on the cross for me, confess that he is living now?

Lower Grades

In whom does Paul say he now lives by faith? (verse 20).

Question Guide

After Paul met the resurrected Jesus, his reason and purpose in life changed. All his sins were crucified with Jesus, and he became a new man in Christ. Because Jesus was the Lord of my life, I could no longer live a self-centered life. The reason and purpose of his life is Jesus. Paul confesses that believing in Jesus, the Son of God, imitating Him, and living according to His will is the most important and valuable way of life.

Comments for Leaders

Paul wanted to refute the teachings of false teachers who preached a different gospel and to show them exactly what the gospel was about. It confirmed once again that we cannot be saved by the law claimed by false teachers, but only by faith in Jesus Christ. Paul confesses that he died on the cross "with" Jesus. We must remember that we are dead to sin in union with Christ and raised to righteousness in union with Christ (1 Peter 2:24). The grace of salvation was freely given to us, but it was the great grace of the sinless Son who sacrificed His life. So Paul confesses that he now lives by faith in Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for him.

2) Recognizing that Jesus is my Lord, what are my plans to give up or modify?

Upper Grades

Create a planner for your life with Jesus.

Lower Grades

"With Jesus, my Master!" I will remember Jesus every day.

Comments for Leaders

Paul's confession that he lives by faith in Jesus because Jesus died for him, a sinner, should be our confession. We were all mortal

because of our sins, but we live by the full grace of God who justified us and made us His children in Jesus Christ. So now we have to live for Him in Jesus Christ, not by claiming ourselves and living according to our own desires.

5. Be Grateful

Give thanks for God's love for justifying us sinners and making us His children.

6. Prayer

Thank you, God, for saving us through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. We want to live our lives no longer for ourselves, but for Jesus . Lead us to make Jesus our Lord, to be like Jesus, and to live according to His words.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"
