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CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

Today's lesson text comes from Sunday's lesson text of (Gal.2:15-21)

Today we will study FOUR aspects of this special phrase found in Gal.2:20 – “Crucified with Christ.”

1. In the Book of Galatians, Paul defends his apostleship and his gospel message of grace salvation and grace spirituality apart from the Law against the attack of the Judaizers (Acts 15:1, 5; 21:21).

Apparently Paul didn't consider that he would have to defend these things to Peter and Barnabas and members of his own congregation (Gal.1:6-8; 2:11-16; 3:1-5).

In Gal.2:20, Paul teaches that a works salvation will destroy the doctrine of “Crucified with Christ.”

Therefore, the doctrine of Retroactive Positional Truth (RAPT) was subject to being destroyed by a works salvation.

2. Paul used the Greek grammar to show the doctrine of RAPT was being destroyed by the Judaizer's work salvation theology. “I have been crucified (sustaurōo (perf.p.ind.1ps) with Christ (Christos/ inst.sm)”

- **Perfect tense** means being crucified with Christ on the cross our sins are forgiven forever (Heb.7:27; 9:28). This is Retroactive Positional Truth (John 19:30) (tetelestai/ perf.p.ind. 3ps) [It is finished!]
- **Passive voice** means the Church Age Believer (CAB) receives the complete package of salvation on the basis grace through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).
- **Indicative mood** means that every Cab receives the reality of RAPT by grace salvation. “I have been crucified with Christ (RAPT ; it is no longer I who live (CPT), **but Christ lives in me** (EPT); 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.”

RAPT (13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and the nine communion factors of Eucharist cup) leads to Current Positional Truth **CPT** (20 status privileges) - that leads to Experiential Positional Truth **EPT** (8 works of Holy Spirit) in the package of 50 Things that every believer receives at moment of grace salvation that he can never lose in time or eternity. [See 50 Things Free](#)

Positional Truth is a doctrinal term describing an unbeliever's transferal from a legal position in Adam to one in Christ by means of grace through faith in the gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:22; 2 Cor.5:17).

Positional Sanctification belongs to the carnal as well as to the spiritual believer (1 Cor.1:2, 30).

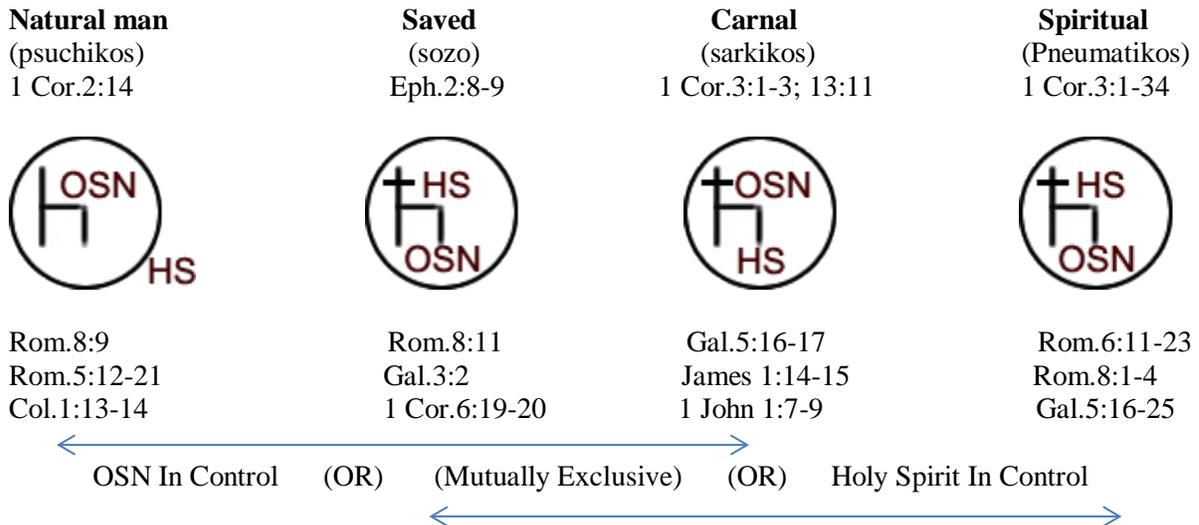
No situation or adversity of life is greater than this Position the believer occupies IN Christ. (Job/ James 5:10-11; **Rom.8:35-39**). “For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (**Col.3:3**; John 10:28-30)

3. Our Old Sin Nature (OSN) is legally dethroned by regeneration with a new master (indwelling of Holy Spirit).

(Rom.6:12) “Therefore do not let sin (OSN) **reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts.”

(Rom.6:14) “For sin shall not be **master** over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

(Rom.8:11) “But if (1cc/ true) the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, (apodosis true) He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” (1 Cor.6:19-20)



(Gal.5:16) “But I say walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”

4. Here is Paul’s strong argument: If a person can be saved by works, then Christ died needlessly and God’s grace and righteousness is nullified.

(Gal.2:21) “I do not nullify (atheteo/ p.a.ind ips/ set aside, make void) the grace of God, for **if (1cc/ true)** righteousness comes through the Law, **then (ara/ apodosis/ true)** Christ died needlessly.”

“To mingle legalism with grace distorts grace and makes a mockery of the cross.” (NIV of Gal.2:21)

“If there was the faintest possibility that man could procure his own righteousness, then the death of Christ was unnecessary.” (Galatians: Call to Christian Liberty, pg.49)

(Gal.3:17) “What I am saying is this: **the Law**, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate (akuroo/ disannul/ to deprive of authority) a covenant previously ratified (prokuroo) by God, so as to nullify (katargeo/ to reduce to inactivity, abolish) **the promise.**”

(Gal.3:17) “The Mosaic Law did not set aside the promise made to Abraham.” (NAS)

(Rom.7:6) “But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which were bound, so that we **serve in newness of the Spirit** and not in oldness of the letter.” (EPT)

(Rom.6:4) “Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might **walk in newness of life.**” (EPT)