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THE CRUCIFIED FLESH

In the Book of Galatians, Paul taught three important passages about **The Crucified Flesh**.

- (Gal.2:20)
“**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 love me and gave Himself for me.”
- (Gal.5:24)
“**Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires.”
- (Gal.6:14)
“But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

<p>This lesson will study three important truths taught by Paul from these three passages.</p>

1. **In Gal.2:20, Paul taught that every Church Age Believer (CAB) was crucified with Christ on the cross. The Greek word for crucified is a compound (sun+stauroo) meaning crucified together.**

Paul was not using it to mean separate crosses like those of the two thieves (Luke 23:32-43). He was using it to mean on the same cross at the same time (John 19:16-18).

He was crucified for our sins not for His sins.

(2 Cor.5:21) “**He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf**, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (John 1:29)

(1 Pet.2:24) “**And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross**, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Pet.3:18)

When Jesus cried telestai (teleo/ perf.p.ind.3ps) [It is finished], the work of Christ for sin was finished once and forever (John 19:30; Heb.9:26-28; 10:12-14, 18).

In theology, it is referred to as **Retroactive Positional Truth (RAPT)**. [Additional Studies](#)

2. **In (Gal.5:24), Paul taught that every Church Age Believer (CAB) has a crucified flesh with it passions and desires. The Greek verb for crucified is stauroo (gnomic aorist a. ind.3pl).**

A **gnomic aorist** refers to an accepted truth regarded as so fixed in its certainty that it could be considered as though it was an actual occurrence (Dana and Mantey). “**Now those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**”

Paul taught that the crucifixion of Jesus Christ satisfied the Perfect Justice of God regarding [the penalty of Adam's Original Sin](#) (AOS) as well as the production of the [Old Sin Nature \(OSN\) lust rends](#) (all that the OSN produces) (Rom.8:8-9; Gal.3:27; 1 Cor.3:10-15).

3. In (Gal.6:14), Paul taught that because of the Cross of Jesus Christ every Church Age Believer (CAB) is crucified to the world and the world to them.

The Greek verb for crucified is stauroo (Perfect.Passive.Indicative.3pl). The Perfect tense means that your flesh was crucified in the past with the result that it remains crucified forever.

The Passive voice means the subject receives the action of the verb. “The world has been crucified to me and I to the world.” Note that the two subjects are interchangeable (2 Cor.5:17-21).

The Indicative indicates a principle, “and this is the way it is!”

Note also it is through [the Direct Agent of] the Lord Jesus Christ - through is [dia +abl] or “the agent of”.

(Gal.6:14b) “Through which (hos) (abl.sm) [the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ] the world has been crucified to me and I to world.”

It is not just some cross nor is it my cross. It is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the one and only one where He died for our sins (2 Cor.5:14-15).

(Heb.10:10) “By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

(Heb.10:12) “But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.”

(Heb.10:14) “For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.”