

Life IN Christ ... through Fellowship WITH Him

Living under LAW (carnal state; power of self)

Who are YOU?

Living under GRACE (Power of Holy Spirit)

Righteousness by Obedience to the Law & Works

LAW: Man's attempt to achieve the favor of God in his own strength and ability. Law provides judgment but no power for our daily living. 1Cor 3:1-15.
Focus is on our Law(s). Gal 5: 1-6 **'Christ is become of no effect to you'**. Any law we try to keep to produce Righteousness, puts us under a curse (Gal. 3:10-14; Rom 7:5-6) and by keeping the Law; I am saying Christ died in vain. Rev. 1:5 Blood ONLY (not water baptism) saves. Rom.7:11 Keeping of the Law produced more sin ... killed him. The deception of trying to keep various rules/laws only produces more sin and moral failure. 1Cor. 15:56 Law enhances and amplifies sin! Law activates and makes sin come alive. Rom 5:20a abound (identified). 2Cor 3:7-11 Grace and Law cannot mix in any form. Paul was saved in Rom. 7; lived defeated life before receiving message of the Cross.

Where is My FOCUS?

Righteousness by Faith in the Blood of Jesus

GRACE: The effectual, unearned, working of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer giving us **continual victory** over the sin nature. Source of Grace is Jesus and the means of Grace is the Cross (Col. 1;15-22). Titus 1;2; 2Tim. 2:1; Eph. 3:1-9. Gal. 2:20-21. Focus is on Christ and His Finished Work on the Cross. John 14:6 **I AM The Way, Truth, Life.** John 12:32 Foundation of Faith. The **'Message of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified'** when properly proclaimed is how the Holy Spirit 'draws' us to redemption and sanctification. 2Tim 1:9-11 Cross of Christ is the very FIRST Doctrine of the Bible and THE Doctrine on which ALL Doctrine Must be based. Eph. 3:12 Boldness and Access by Faith **in Him.** 1Cor.1:17-18 The Finished Work of Christ is **The Gospel & Power of God!** Only this message can produce a proper understanding of Grace!

My Flesh & My Performance

My performance in keeping our laws. Rom. 7:15 My will power and law equals sin. Rom. 7:18 My will power will not produce a victorious Christian lifestyle
FLESH: The **'flesh'** is the aspect of our Human nature that is self-dependant, self-sufficient, self-willed, self-centered, self-righteousness, self-justified, self-glorifying. Because **'self'** is self-dependent, **'self'** is opposed to the death that comes through the Cross. It resorts to self-effort rather than **Grace.** Lk 9:23; Lk 14:26-27 (give up our own self-life and identity); Eph 4:23. **Tradition of men 'spoil' you.** Col 2:6-10

What is the Object of My FAITH?
(my daily living)

Blood of Jesus/Cross of Christ

Faith must have a focal point of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified for our daily living! Rom. 6:3-5. We are **'in Christ'**. Believe the explanation! Col. 3:1-3
 1 Cor. 1:30 God puts me **'In Christ'**. 2Cor. 1:21 God put me **'In Christ'** My **'death' to sin was a matter of the PAST and NOT the future! It Has been done ... Not what I have to produce.** Rom. 3:25 **'Through Faith in His Blood'**
 John 12:24-30 The Finished Work of Christ must be brought to bear on mans soul before fruit that God will accept will be produced. Compare Cain and Abel in Gen 4:1-7.

Self/Will Power

Self/Will Power. I must cease from trying to live a victorious Christian lifestyle by my abilities and my efforts and my 'self' righteousness. I must **'see'** myself as already dead and not try to produce **'death'** with my effort. Rom. 6:3-5. I **'MUST'** see myself **'IN CHRIST'**. How am I dead ... I Understand the explanation Rom. 6:3-5; I Believe a revealed FACT Rom. 6: 6-10; I Obey the exhortation Rom. 6:11-13; I Yield my members and receive His promise of 1Thes. 5:24. Gal. 2:20-21 Must be real to me. I understand that as long as 'I' live; Christ cannot live in 'me'.

WHO is My Power Source?
(my daily living)

Holy Spirit Living in Me

Rom. 8:1-2 **Law of the Spirit of Life**
 Rom 8:11-13 Power to live this Christian Life
 1 Cor. 2:2 **'Jesus Christ and Him Crucified'** must be at the very top of our list.
 Rom. 8:9 My TRUE spiritual position. Struggle between **'flesh & Spirit'** Gal 5:17. The **'flesh'** pulls the believer to do what Jesus has already done at the Cross. Flesh pulls to Law rather than Grace. We must go to the **'Finished Work of Christ'** not self.
 Heb 8:8 Law presents the faults of the people; **Grace** presents the Blood of Christ!

Never resting 'in Christ' — always 'doing'

Earn God's Favor. Heb 10:11-12 constantly **'standing'** (doing) & not **'seated with Christ'** Lk 10:38-42 Martha **'distracted'**; Mary **'needful'**. Carnal minded Rom 8:6-13 1Cor 1:17-18, vs.23,24;30; 1Cor 2:2; Gal 6:14. **Making the 'Cross' of non effect.**

What is My Mindset?

Resting in what Christ has done 'for', 'in' and 'thru' me

Heb. 10: 11-12 ; Col 3:1-3 ; Heb 4:2-3 ; Eph 1:2 ; 2 Pet. 3:17-18 **Grow** in Grace & knowledge. Spiritually minded Rom 8:6-13; Rom 12:1-2; Jn 10:10

Condemnation to elevate self-righteousness

Luke 18:9-18 A true example of **'relative righteousness'**, (I am better than him) and **'works righteousness'** (look what I did) . Publican pleas based on Atonement, not self-righteousness. Jn 8:1-11. Law says **'don't sin & I wont condemn'**. Grace says **'go and sin no more; I don't condemn you'**. Pharisees wanted to judge but could not, Jesus could judge and did not!

How do I see & treat others?

Demonstrate Love of Christ thru the Blood

Rom.8:1-2 ; Lk 6:31 ; John 3:17; Mat. 18:15; John 8:10-11;Gal 6:1. **"restore"**. Not tear down with Law and 'doing'. Restoration comes thru the Blood/Jesus/Cross and how deliverance comes to the captive by Jesus' Blood. Lk 4:18. Col 2:8-14

Non-Victorious daily Christian Living

Failure, inconsistency, works of flesh manifest, Holy Spirit is frustrated. Works, performance and self cannot produce a victorious Christian lifestyle. Rom 7:24-25 Paul knew his victory was now in a **'person'** the **Lord Jesus Christ** by the statement he makes (**Who shall deliver me**). Paul's victory was not going to come from **anything** he could do or program he could attend. Compare victory in Rom. 6:13 with defeat in Rom. 7:15

What will be My End Results?

Victorious Christian Living

Victory over sin, Growth in Christ. Fruit of Spirit manifest, Believer can experience the Love, Life and Liberty of Christ . Holy Spirit makes real ALL the benefits of the Cross. Rom 6:13-14 Everything comes to me through the Cross. Eph. 2:13-14 **'In Christ by the Blood of Christ'**. Col. 2:13-14 **ALL Ordinances against us nailed to the Cross. Triumphant over ALL Principalities & Powers.** 1John 5:4-5; 2Cor 4:10-12

The modern church is fighting an enemy that is already defeated, And is trying to complete a Work that is already Finished

The level of the Believers Spiritual maturity can only rise as high as the Believers correct knowledge, revelation and understanding of the Finished Work of Christ.

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Please add *CrossWay Ministries* to your prayer list.

Col. 4:3-4

At the same time pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the Word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account for which I am in prison: [4] That I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. (ESV)

Paul was asking people to pray with him that doors will be opened by the Holy Spirit so the message of *'the Finished Work of Christ'* could be proclaimed.

He was convinced that prayer and proclamation went hand in hand. The **Truth of the True Gospel (1Cor. 1:17-18; Col 1:17-21)** is the **ONLY** hope for the world, then why not put everything possible into getting this message into **ALL** communities, **EVERYWHERE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!** This is our prayer also!



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WHAT WE BELIEVE

To have Fellowship With Jesus Christ

You must FIRST have Fellowship

With The Finished Work of Christ

1Cor. 1 17-18; 1Cor 1:23-23; 1Cor. 2:2-7; Gal. 3:1-14; gal. 5:1-6; Rom. 6:3-5; Lk. 9:23; 1Jn. 1:3-10; 2Tim. 1:9-11; Jn. 12:32-33; Heb. 2:11-15; 2Cor. 4:10-12; Heb. 10:9-14; Col. 2:13-14; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:15-22 Jesus is the Source, the Cross is the Means for everything we receive from God!

Crossway Ministries invites you to prayerfully study (not just read) this tract. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you revelation, (Gal 1:11-12) knowledge and understanding pertaining to the effect the Cross of Christ has on (1) our everyday Christian walk, (2) our Sanctification, (3) our relationship to Christ, (4) our understanding of the Word to prevent us from receiving the lies of man or Satan and (5) how the Holy Spirit works in the life of a Believer.