²⁰I 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. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. —Galatians 2:20-21 ESV

"Paul cannot long talk about Christian joy, or Christian ethics, or Christian fellowship, or the Christian doctrine of God, or anything else, without finally getting to the cross. Paul is gospelcentered; he is cross-centered."

—D.A. Carson

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12I thank Him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service,

13though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.

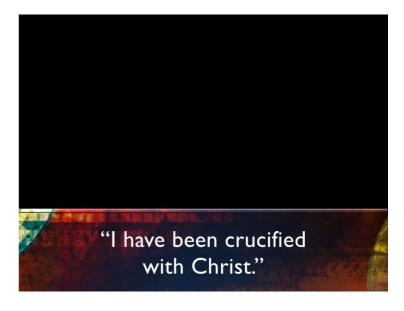
But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,

14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

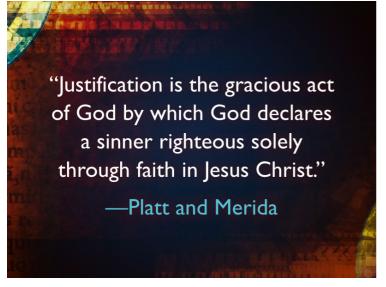
—I Timothy I:12-14 ESV

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"Legalism is nothing more than trying to gain God's approval and acceptance through personal advancement or performance."



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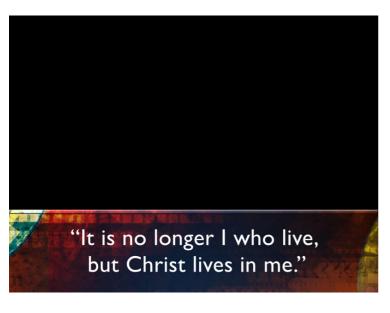
⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish,

in order that I may gain Christ

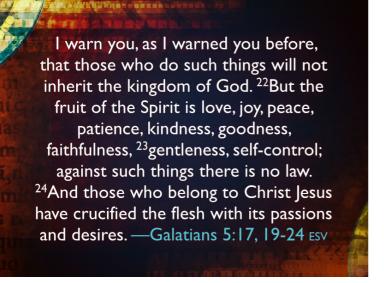
⁹and be found in Him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes
from the law, but that which comes
through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God that depends
on faith. —Philippians 3:7-9 ESV

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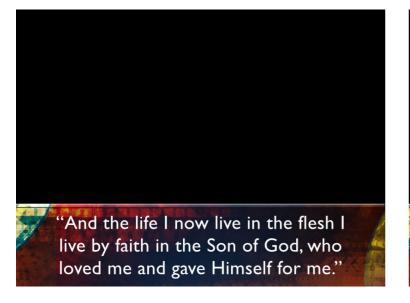
17For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do... ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

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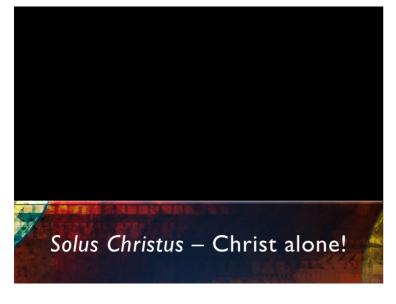
"Engrafted into the death of Christ, we derive a secret energy from it, as the shoot does from the root." —John Calvin

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"Faith isn't just for receiving salvation; it is also for enabling us to live out salvation." —Platt and Merida

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"The cross is the blazing fire at which the flame of love is kindled, but we have to get near enough for its sparks to fall on us."

—John Stott

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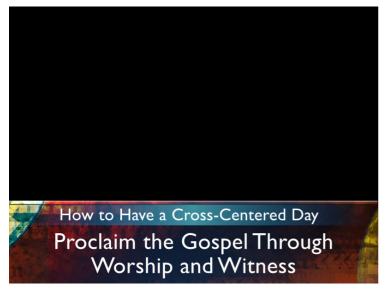


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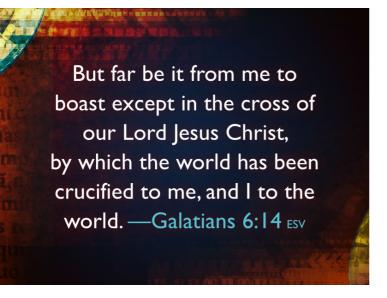
and Others

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"We never move on from the cross, only to a more profound understanding of the cross." —David Prior

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