



Sermon: Jesus Changes Everything

Scripture: Galatians 2:20

Summary: Galatians 2:20 declares the radical transformation which occurs when a person is truly united with Christ by faith. To be **crucified with Christ** means that the old self—defined by sin, self-indulgence, self-rule, and self-reliance—has been put to death with Jesus on the cross. Salvation is not self-improvement but Spirit-wrought death and resurrection. The believer's former identity no longer governs life.

Yet death is not the end. **Christ now lives in the believer.** The risen Jesus takes up residence through presence of the Holy Spirit, producing a new power, new passions, and a new purpose. The Christian life is not lived *for* Christ by human effort or will, but *through* Christ by divine indwelling.

This inward transformation provides assurance: **we know we are saved because our life has changed.** The life we now live is characterized by faith—ongoing trust and dependence on the Son of God—grounded not in works, but in a personal relationship with the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. Faith is not merely a past decision; it is a present way of living.

Galatians 2:20 climaxes with this truth: **Jesus has changed everything.** He changes our standing before God, our source of life, and our daily walk. And the unavoidable question follows—*has He changed you?* Where Christ truly lives, transformation will be evident. You are not your old self. You don't act like people of this world. You proclaim Jesus as savior. You glory in what gives God glory!

Spotlight: Jesus Changes Everyone Who is Crucified with Him, in Whom He Lives and Who Lives by Faith

Colossians 1:27

Christ in you, the hope of Glory!

Galatians 2:20 NLT

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 ESV

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.

Jesus Changes Everything - First and Foremost He Changes *people*. He has changed me. Has he changed you? He is changing me. Is He changing you?

Once we are changed - we become citizens of a new world. Not this one but the one that is coming. And once you see this world for what it is, it will never look the same again. It is no longer home. This is not my home! They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth (Hebrews 11:13). Passing through. Except in the household of faith. Here we are family!

Four Questions

I. Have You been Crucified with Christ?

I have been Crucified with Christ. **ESV**

My old self has been crucified with Christ. **NLT**

Our faith is not about us. Our church membership is not about us. Our lives are no longer about us.

The old has gone and the new has come.

Born Again

New Creation

Holy Spirit brings life

Holy Spirit dwells within

Knowledge can't save you

Membership can't save you

Attendance can't save you

Good deeds can't save you

Only Jesus can Save you - and how do you know you are saved?

You have been crucified with Christ~dead to the world. Dead to flesh. Dead to self. Alive in Christ. Alive with the gospel. Alive forever!

II. Does Christ Live in You?

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. **ESV**

It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. **NLT**

Live and move and have my being

How do you know you are saved? Christ lives in you!

III. Do You Live By Faith in the Son of God who Loves You and Gave Himself for you?

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. **ESV**

So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **NLT**

Trust in the Lord - Not your own understanding. Not your feelings. Not the way of the world but the way of scripture.

How do you know you are saved?

You live by faith in the Son of God who loves you and gave Himself for you!

IV. Jesus has Changed Everything! Has He Changed You?

How do you know he has changed you?

You have been crucified with Christ!

Christ lives in you!

The life you now live you live by faith in the Son of God who loves you and gave himself for you.

*What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart!*

Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray,
And my sins which were many are all washed away,
I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,
There's a light in the valley of death now for me,
And the gates of the City beyond I can see,
I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart.
1914 Rufus H. McDaniel

Life Application Sermon Questions

1. Crucified with Christ

What attitudes, habits, or ambitions still compete with Christ's lordship in your life?

2. Christ Lives in You

In what practical ways do others see Christ's life being lived through you?

3. Assurance of Salvation

What evidences in your life point to a faith that is living, active, dependent on Jesus, powerful and impacting others with the Gospel?

4. Changed Everything

If someone examined your priorities, actions, online history, social media posts, credit card statements and personal relationships, would they conclude that Jesus has truly changed you?