

# A SIMPLE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT BEING A CHRISTIAN

Gal.2:19-21

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This message explains how Christians should understand and explain their faith to themselves.

The Apostle Paul explained his faith to the Galatians with four statements of fact.

#1, v.19, *"For through the law, I died to the law, so that I might live for God."*

His decision for Christ resulted in a \_\_\_\_\_  
to live his life.

Christians are people who have \_\_\_\_\_ a way  
of doing life and have \_\_\_\_\_ a new way to live life.

#2, v.20, *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live."*

Christians have A \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
**about themselves.**

Paul is declaring his N \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_  
in this world.

Union with Christ is what S \_\_\_\_\_ is or means.

#3. V.20, *"I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."*

The practical result of this is: "Christ \_\_\_\_\_".

This N \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ directs his life.

The application of this truth is that it shapes our how  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#4. v.20, *"the life I live in the body (flesh), I live by faith in the Son of God."*

Our faith is fixed and founded upon the P\_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God.

After coming to Christ we live with n\_\_\_\_\_ to daily life.

The C\_\_\_\_\_ to Paul's life was faith in the Son of God.

Trust in Christ involves three primary dimensions

- 1) Trust in His word (\_\_\_\_\_)
- 2) Trust in His word (\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_)
- 3) Trust in His will (He is Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ to Him)

A simple explanation on being a Christian:

I B\_\_\_\_\_ his promises, I O\_\_\_\_\_ his commands, and I S\_\_\_\_\_ to Him as Lord.

Apply this word in these two ways:

Memorize vs.19-20

Memorize this outline of the message

Being a Christian means that I died to what was once true of me, and I am now living a new life for God through Jesus Christ.

- 1) My new focus— live for God (v.19)
- 2) My new awareness—Christ loves me and gave himself for me (v.20)
- 3) My new identity—I am united forever to Jesus Christ, crucified with him (V.20a)
- 4) My new center—live daily by faith/trust in the Son of God (v.20c)
- 5) My new perspective—Christ lives in me (v.20b)