

# Who am I?

Galatians 2:20



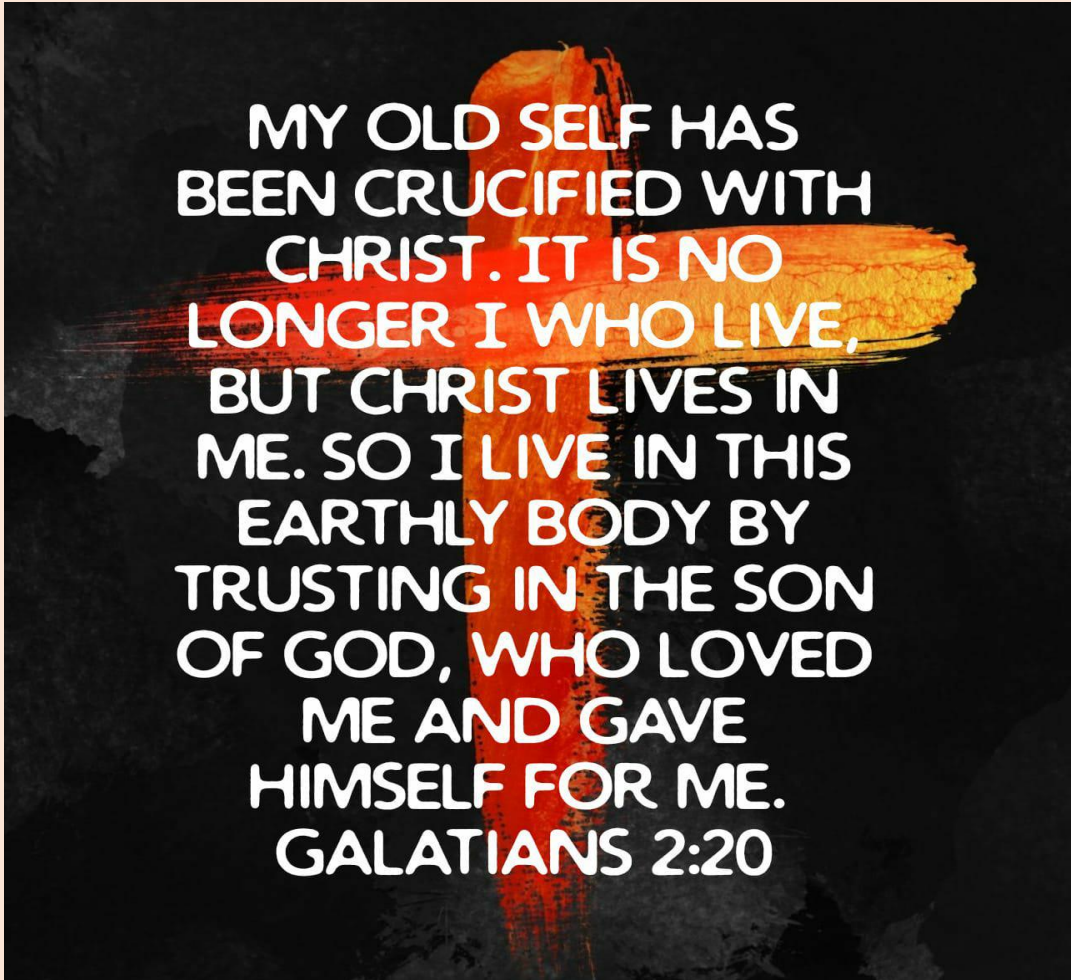
- Who am I as a Malaysian?
- Who am I born into a family?
- Who am I as a Christian?

# Who am I...in Christ?

- <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

# Who am I?

- Old I...old self (NLT)
- Old I have been crucified....I no longer live/dead
- New I...Christ live in me...new life of faith/trust



MY OLD SELF HAS  
BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH  
CHRIST. IT IS NO  
LONGER I WHO LIVE,  
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GALATIANS 2:20

# Context 1 (2:1-10)

- Paul and Barnabas (with Titus) went to Jerusalem to consult the leaders about the gospel...Jerusalem council (Acts 15)
- Jews from Jerusalem came to Antioch Church... taught that Gentiles must be circumcised to receive salvation (threat to the Gospel)
- Decision by James, Peter and John...salvation by faith only and recognized Paul as being an apostle to the Gentiles (2:8)

# Context 2 (2:11-19)

- <sup>11</sup> When Cephas(Peter) came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup> The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

- <sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”
- <sup>15</sup> “We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup> know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So **we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.**

# Peter's old self...affected behavior

- Gospel: Justification is by faith in Jesus Christ only, not by the law and circumcision (2:15-16)
- Peter's behavior was not consistent with this belief. His old self reappeared and affected his behavior
- Other Jews and even Barnabas was swayed
- Paul confronted Peter to 'preserve the gospel'( 2:5)



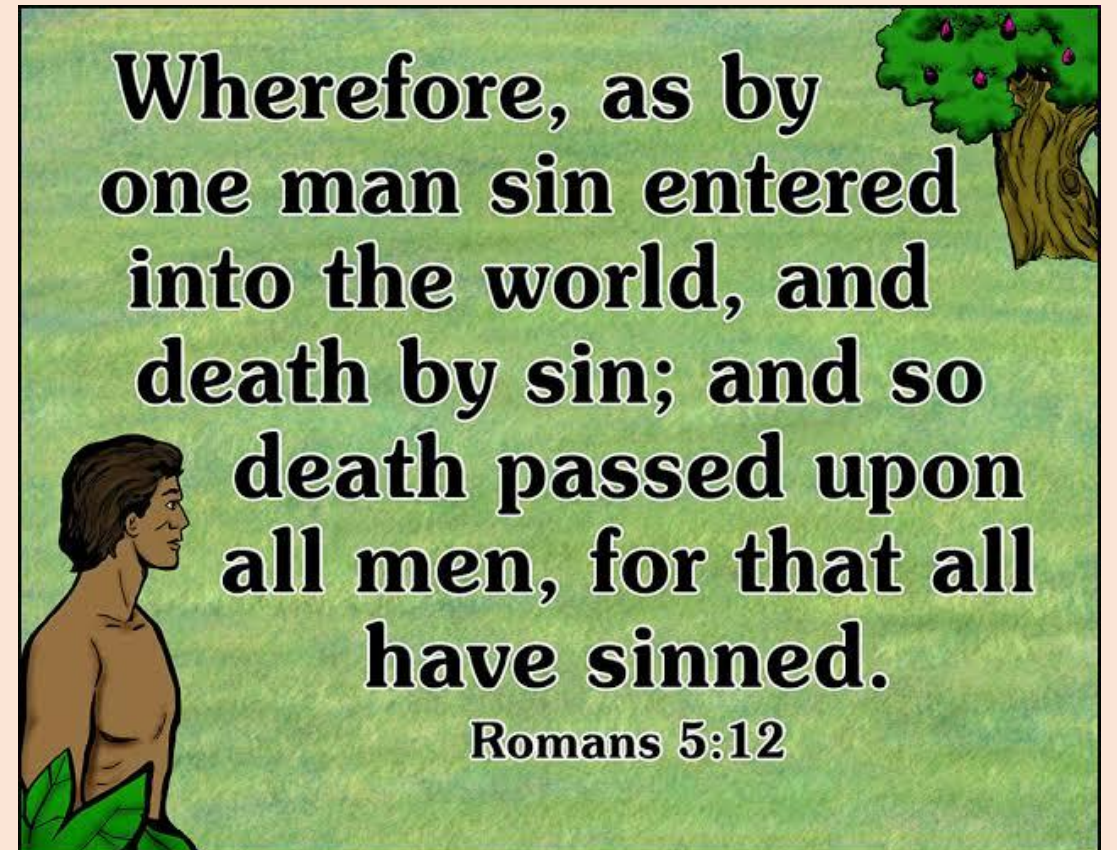
"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:3

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Sin...rebel against God's rule.  
(Independent of God)

## Old self...in Eden



Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Romans 5:12

# Rebellion against God continued



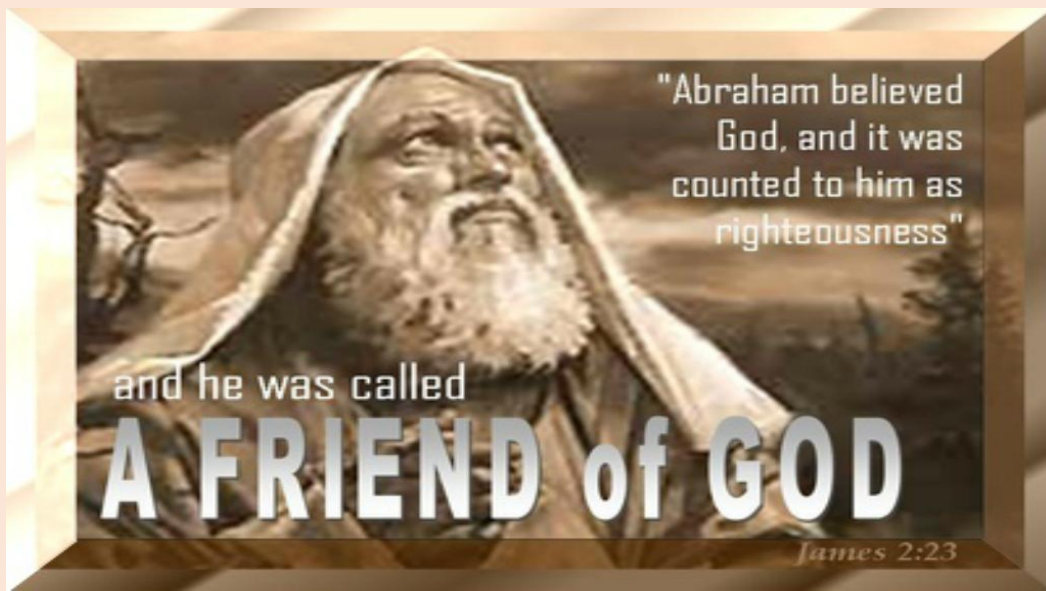
Noah and the flood

- The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time (Gen 6:5)

# Genesis 11 Babel rebellion



- God's command to Noah, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth" (9:1)
- They gathered in the plains of Shinar (11:1) to build a tower that reaches to the heavens and make a name for themselves (11:4)
- God confused their language and scattered them (11:9)



# Israel's rebellion

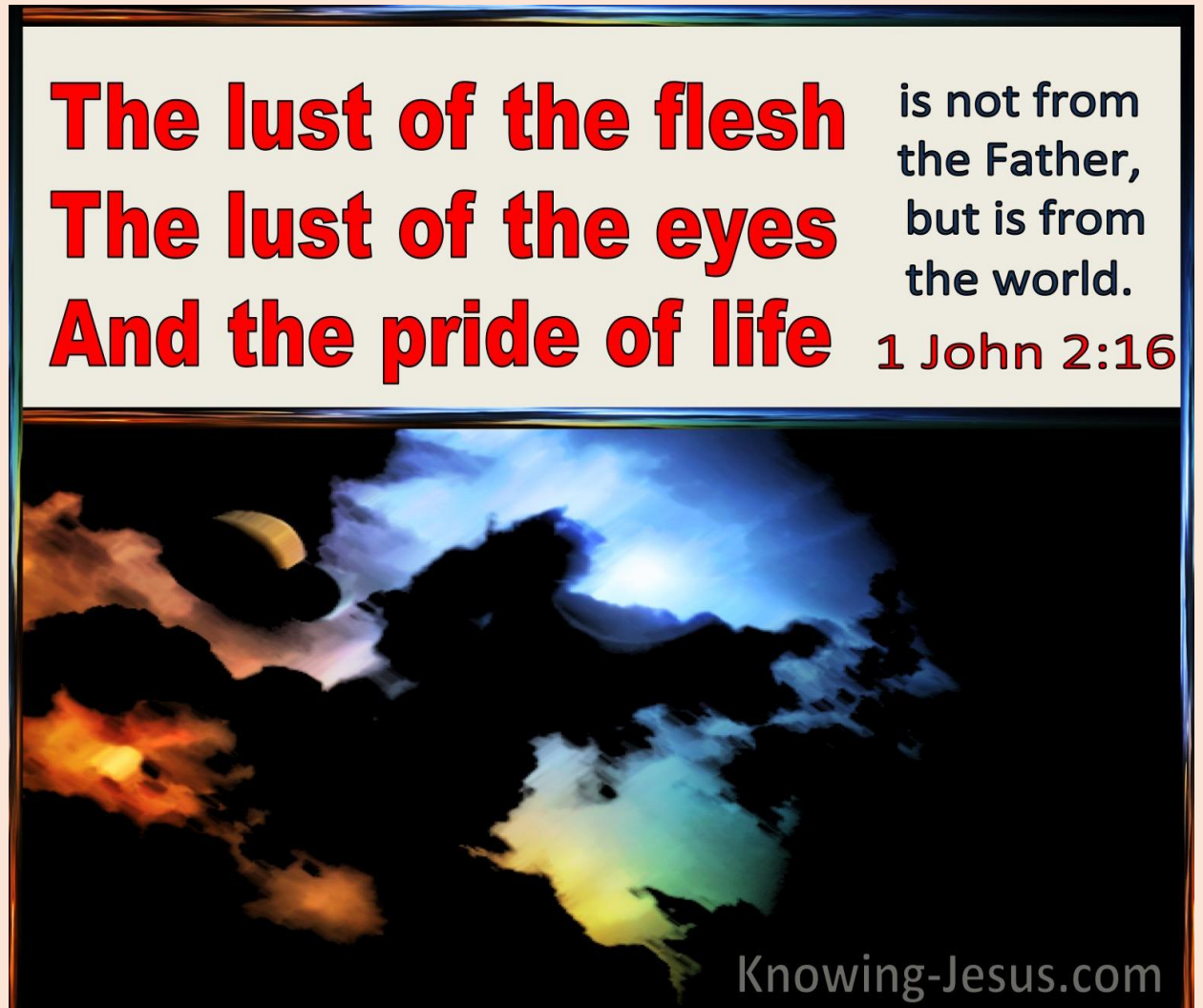


As for you,  
you were dead in your  
transgressions and sins,  
in which you used to live  
when you followed the  
ways of this world and of  
the ruler of the kingdom  
of the air, the spirit  
who is now at work in  
those who are disobedient.  
Ephesians 2:1-2

## Old self...rebel

- was dead in transgressions and sins
- followed the ways of the world and the ruler of the kingdom of the air
- **Disobedient**...physically alive but spirituality dead.

# Worldly ways

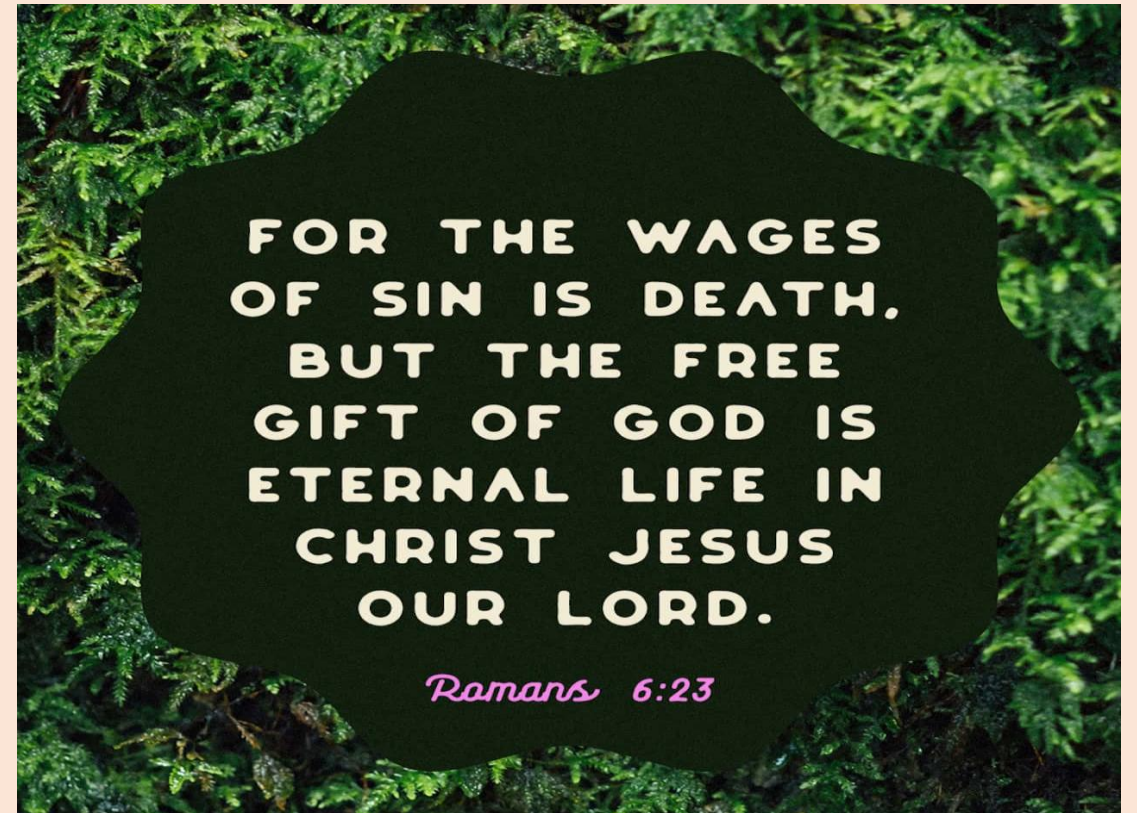


Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

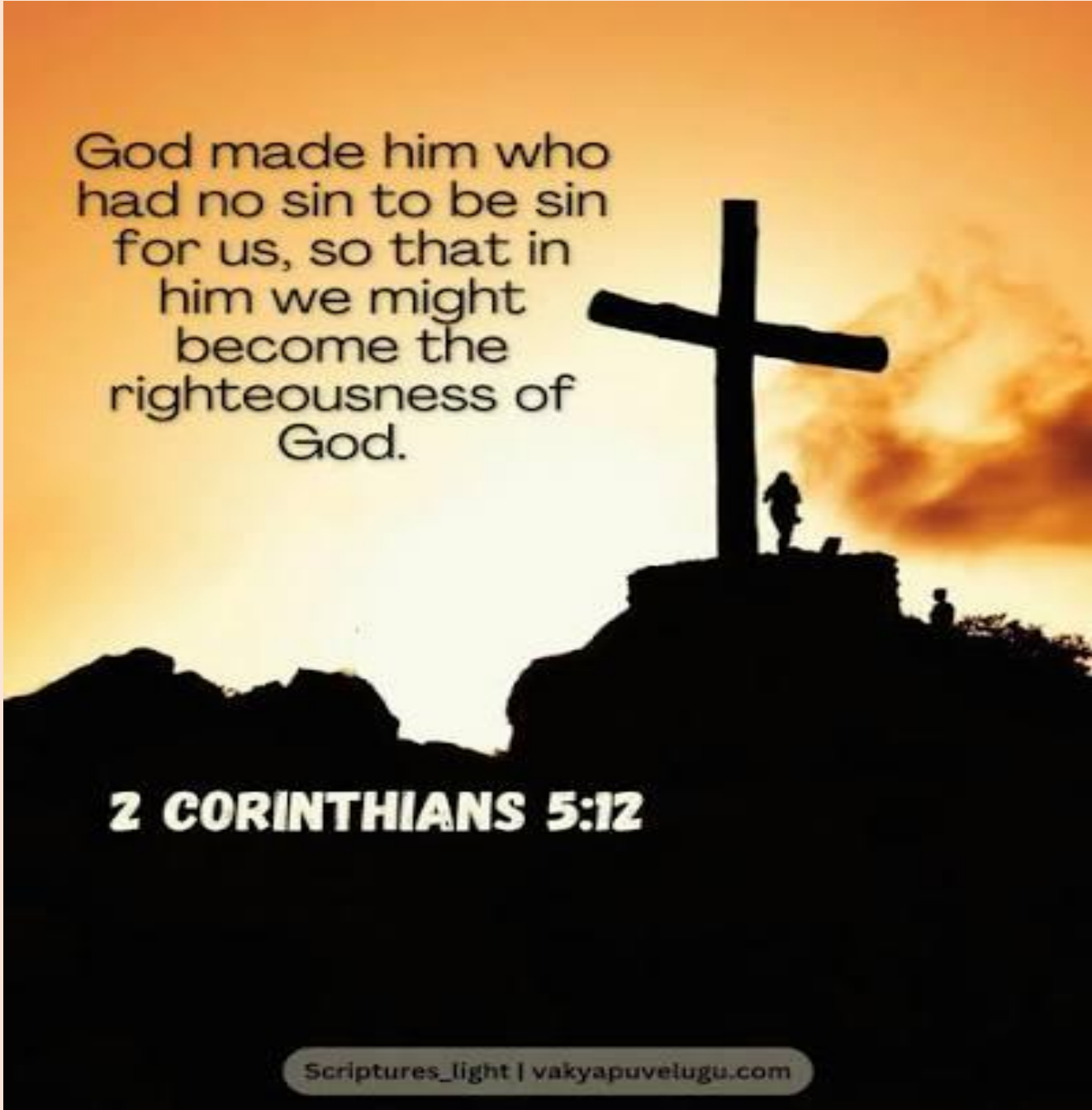
*Galatians 5:19-21*

- Sexual perversion
- Worship of idols and evil spirits
- Relationship troubles
- Drunk with wine

# Old self condemned



**Need a Savior**



God made him who  
had no sin to be sin  
for us, so that in  
him we might  
become the  
righteousness of  
God.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:12**

Jesus Christ was  
crucified on the cross  
to be our Savior

**FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A  
HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE  
TO SYMPATHIZE  
WITH OUR WEAKNESSES,  
BUT ONE WHO IN EVERY RESPECT  
HAS BEEN TEMPTED AS WE ARE,  
YET WITHOUT SIN.**

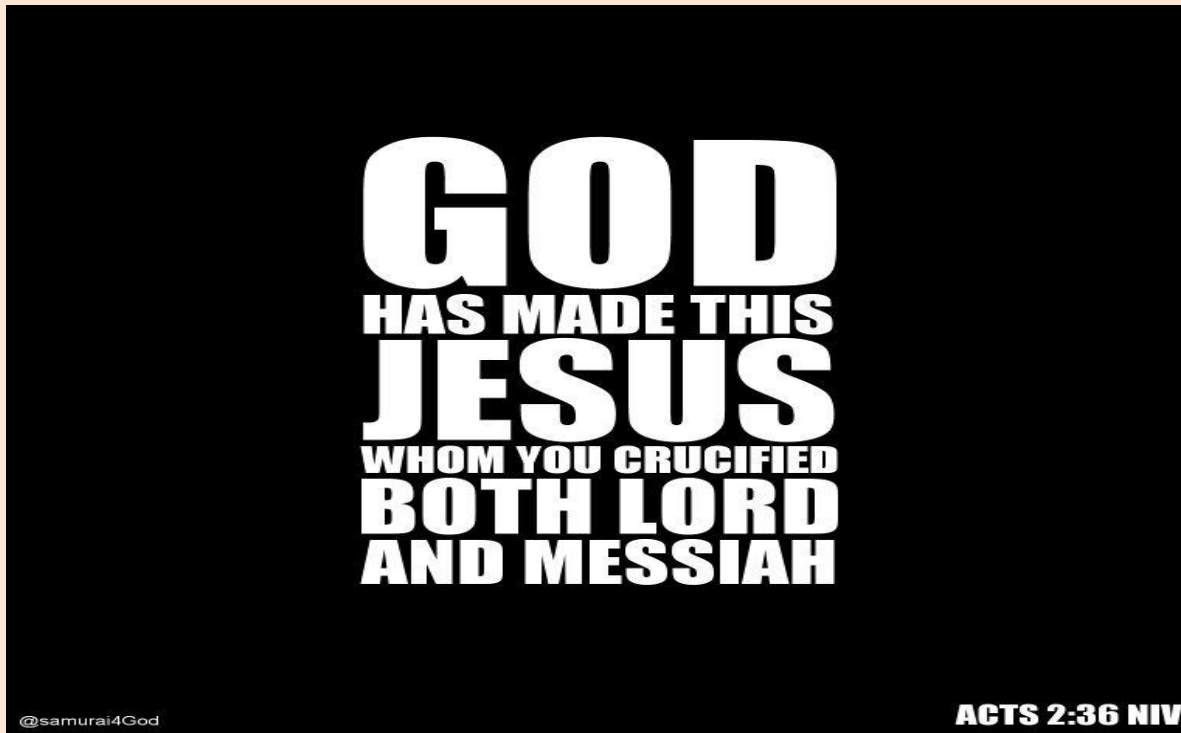
**HEBREWS 4:15**



#EncouragingWord

# Crucified with Christ

- <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live



- Old self crucified...
- Repent of our sins /rebellion and acknowledge Jesus as Savior and Lord (Acts 2:36)
- Dead to old self

# Colossians 3:5 (NIV)

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

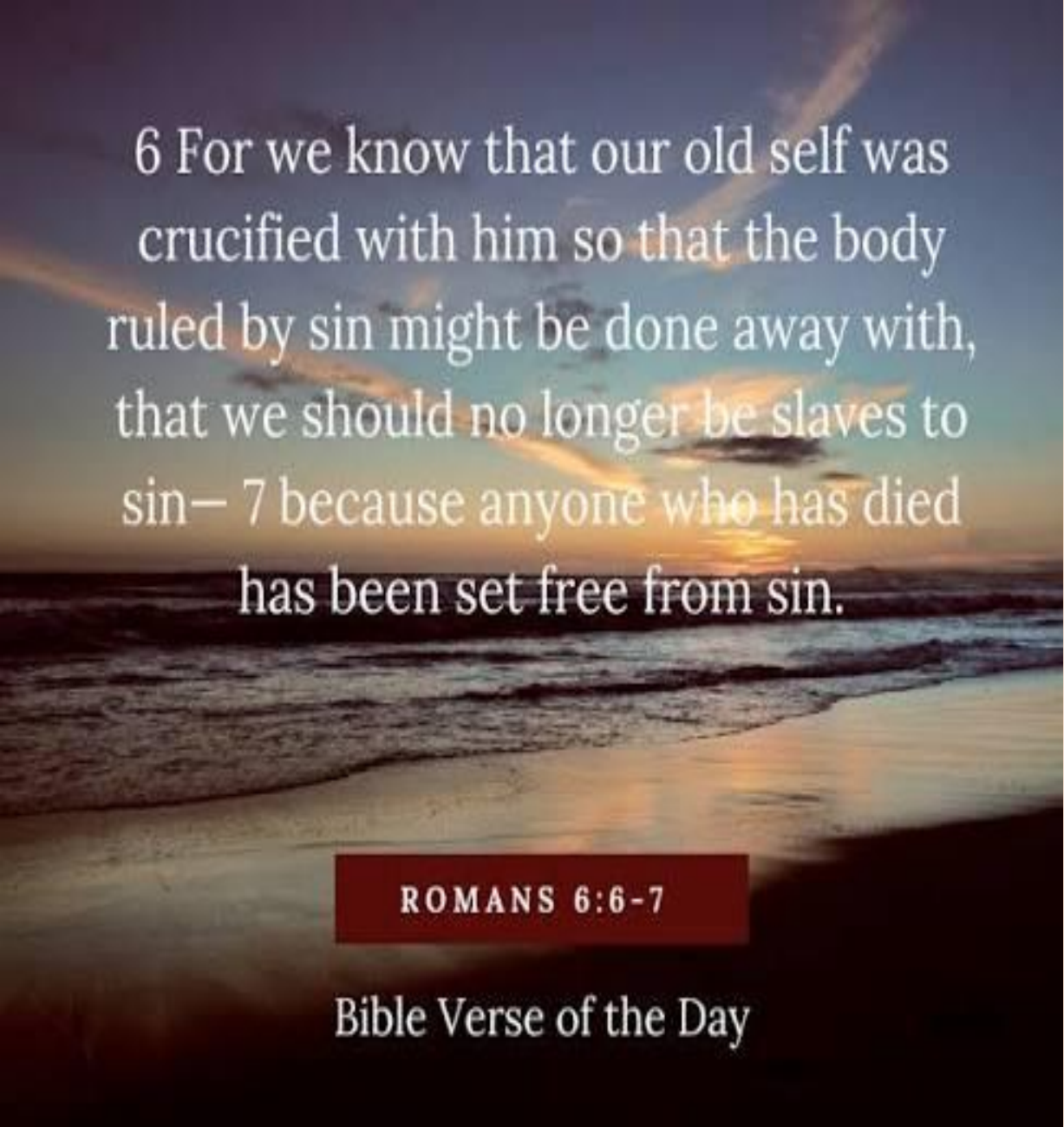
- Put to death....belong to earthly sinful nature
- Be radical...cutoff all that cause us to sin (Matt5:29-30)

# Matthew 5:29-30

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If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

- Principle: How to deal with old self/sinful habits
- Need to be brutally honest in facing old self
- like Paul who had to confronted Peter to defend the gospel



6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

ROMANS 6:6-7

Bible Verse of the Day

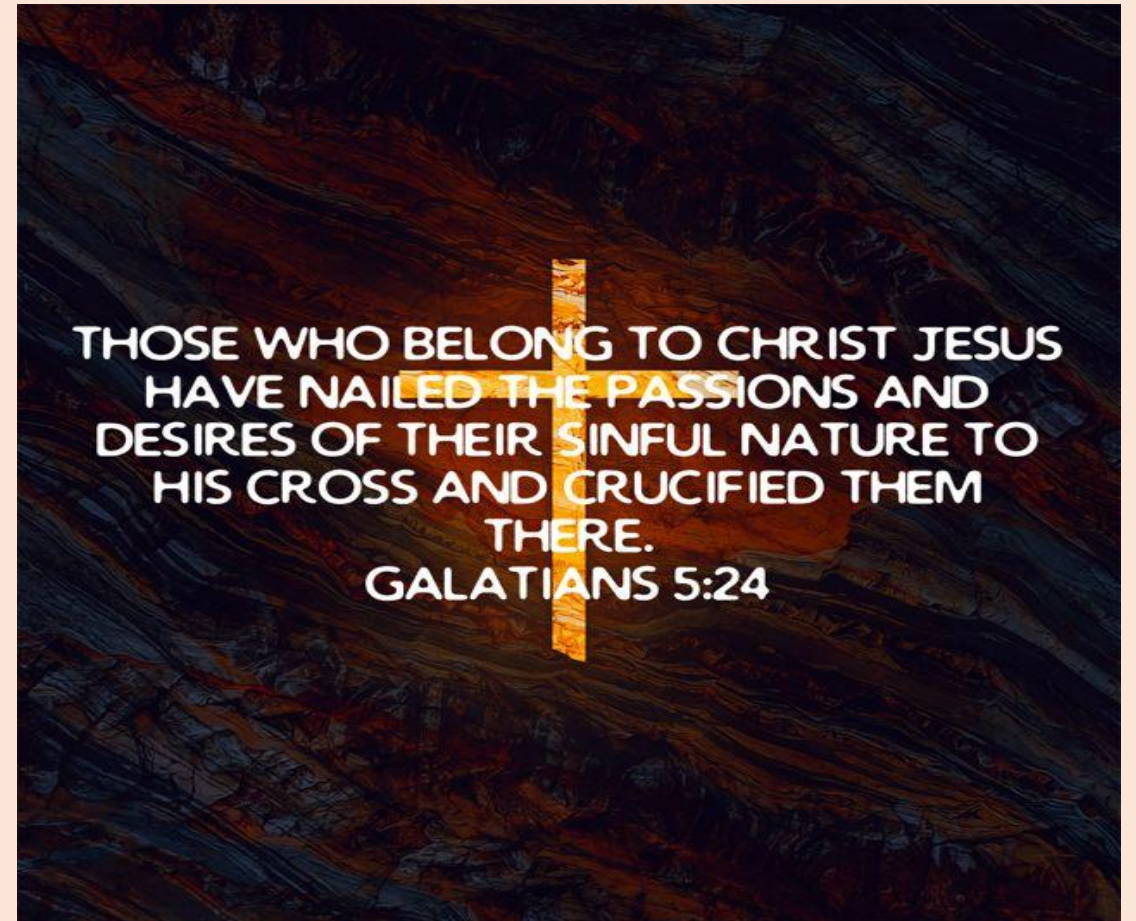
- Old self...body ruled by sin(enslaved) was crucified

Result of being crucified:

- Set free from the power of sin
- No longer a slave (powerless) to sin

- Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin.
- Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

(Romans 6:12,14)



# Have been...but

- Old self maybe crucified but is not completely dead
- Daily crucifixion
- Peter's behavior when the Jews arrived...old self resurfaced
- Jesus commanded us to take up our cross (be crucified) daily (Luke 9:23)

A silhouette of a person carrying a cross on their back, walking up a hill against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and blue clouds.

If anyone would come after me, he  
must deny himself and take up  
his cross daily and  
follow me.

Luke 9:23

- To follow Jesus we must crucify our old self /old habits daily.
- Deny self of the love of the world...temptations of the flesh and pride.

# Old self not completely dead...how?

- Are free from the power of sin/no longer bound as slave to sin.
- Not free from the presence of sin and temptations while alive on earth...can be tempted

Daily deny temptations:

- Do not love the world (1 John 2:15).
- Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness (Romans 6:13)



James 1

NIV



<sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13-15

- Tempted by our own evil desires
- Must not allow ourselves to be 'dragged away by our sinful desires'...deny ourself
- Old self can still a problem

# New 'I'...Christ lives in me

- <sup>20</sup> Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- New identity and new self worth
- Live by faith/ trust

UNLESS YOU ARE BORN  
AGAIN, YOU CANNOT SEE  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD

John 3:3



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- Reborn of the Spirit...new birth in Christ

# New identity

# NEW

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE  
IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW  
CREATION HAS COME:  
THE OLD HAS GONE,  
THE NEW IS HERE!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Old self dead

# A Child of God

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**SO IN  
CHRIST JESUS  
YOU ARE ALL  
CHILDREN OF GOD  
THROUGH  
FAITH**

Galatians 3:26 NIV



For those  
who are led  
by the Spirit  
of God are  
the children  
of God.

Romans 8:14 (NIV)

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# New self worth: child of the King

## Romans 8:17

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory



- No need to feel unloved or unappreciated or alone...**God loves you**
- No need to feel inferior to anyone...**co-heirs with Christ**
- No need to feel ashamed of **our position in Christ**

**Praise be to the God  
and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has  
blessed us in the  
heavenly realms with  
every spiritual  
blessing in Christ.**

**Ephesians 1:3**

- What else do we need on earth when we have every spiritual blessing in Christ
- We have the greatest gift of all, our **salvation** which is a gift of grace
- **Christ alone is sufficient!**

# Live by Faith



# F A I T H

ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPE FOR.  
CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN.

HEBREWS 11:1 ESV

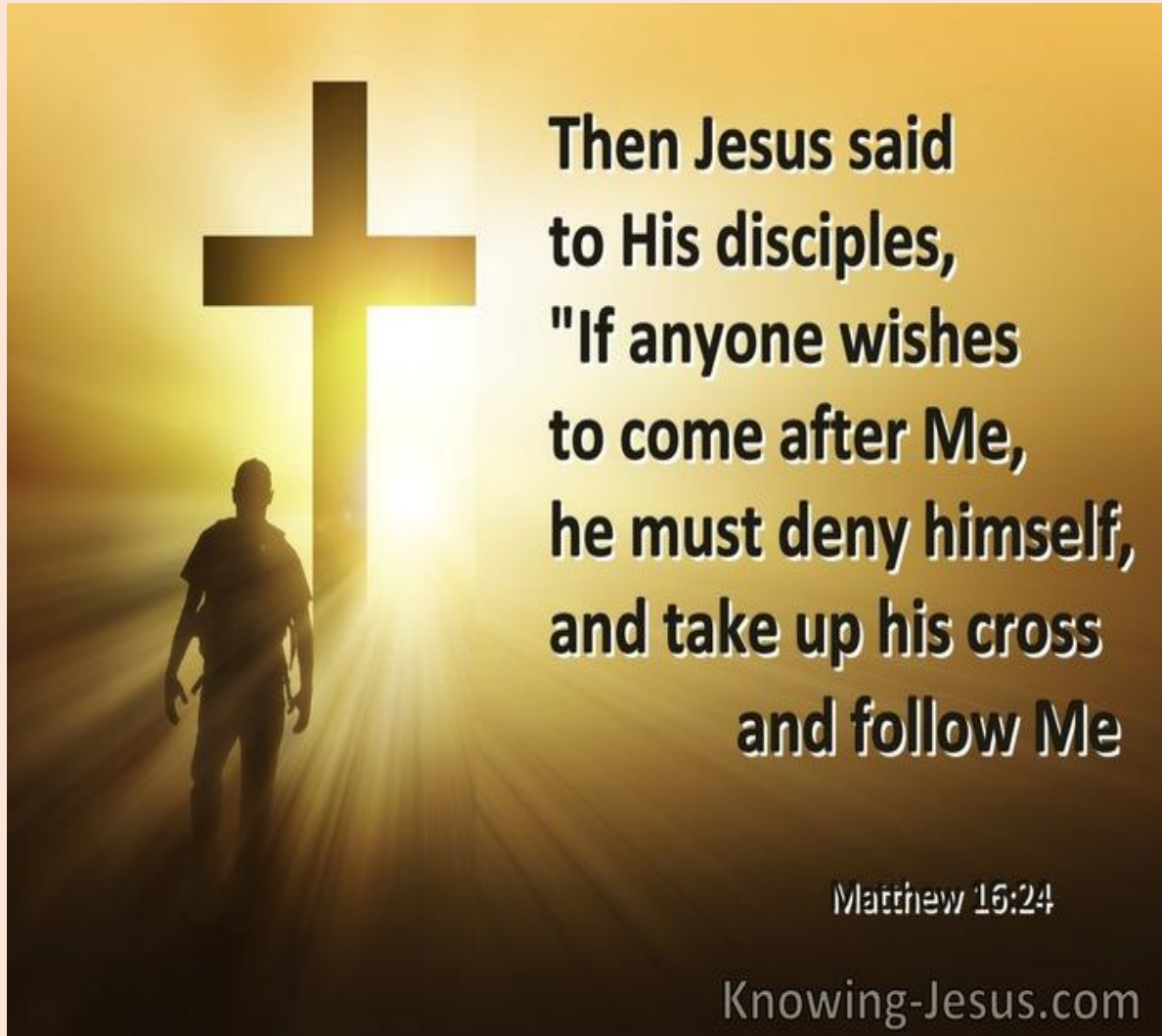
“And without faith  
it is impossible to  
please him, for  
whoever would  
draw near to God  
must believe that  
he exists and that  
he rewards those  
who seek him.”

HEBREWS 11:6 ESV



Certainty of God and confidence  
in His promises

# Live by faith in Jesus



## Deny self

- Call to die to our flesh and to the world
- Call to die to our will, and surrender to the will of God

## Stop our rebellion



# Share His glory

- Experience pain because of the sins of others
- Incur loss that is not my doing
- Share the burden of others

(Romans 8:17)

NOT ONLY SO, BUT WE ALSO  
REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS,  
BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SUFFERING  
PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE;  
PERSEVERANCE, CHARACTER;  
AND CHARACTER, HOPE.  
AND HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US,  
BECAUSE GOD'S LOVE  
HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS  
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US.

ROMANS 5:3-5



# God allow suffering

To produce in us:

- Perseverance
- Character
- Hope
- Experience of His love

- <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!
- There is no other gospel than that of grace...Christ crucified for us
- Christ died in vain if we are not crucified with Him
- Old self must be crucified daily...to enable us to live by faith in Jesus Christ

# Application

- Am I crucified with Christ?
- Not everyone who claim to be a Christian have been crucified...
- Simon Magus the Magician(Acts 8)...heart not crucified with Christ
- Ethiopian Official (not named)...his immediate obedience...crucified heart

- Examine our hearts to ensure that we have been crucified with Christ
- Have we repented of our sins / acknowledged Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?
- Christ's death would be meaningless to us if we are not crucified with Him

# Am I a new I?

- New identity in Christ...new self worth with security, confidence in Him and experiencing His love.
- Child of God...joint heirs with Christ
- Live by faith/trust in the Son of God who loved me and died for me.

# Old self making idols in...

- Family
- Study
- Ambition
- Work
- Hobby
- Good things become idols when we put them before God
- Danger...inclination of our old self

# When family quietly become an idol

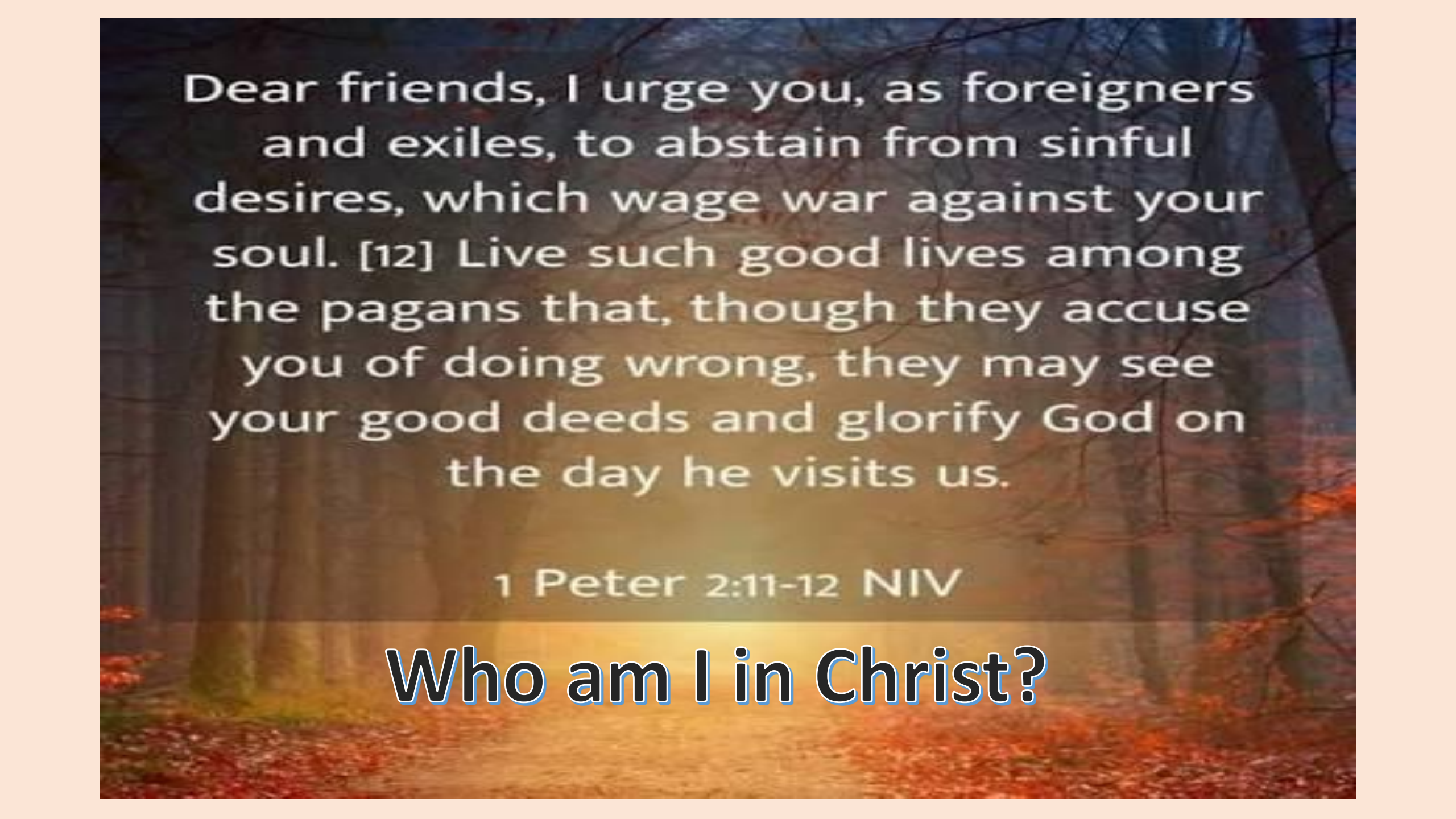
- Singles take risk, moves toward hard places, and treat the mission of God as something worth their whole lives. Then they marry, and the fire turns inward. The same energy that once went toward the harvest now goes towards building and protecting a private life.
- The temptation is to become so inward focused that the family takes God's place. The logic feels reasonable from the inside. Pour everything into the children while they are young, the thinking goes, and return to ministry later once they are grown and safe.

- The instinct toward safety runs straight against the call Jesus describe when he says the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few (Matt 9:37). A faith built mainly around keeping your own people comfortable is not the faith the NT describes. It is something tamer and the children can tell the difference.
- Francis Chan argues that this inward, protective mindset is a major reason so many children raised in the church abandon the faith as adults. They grow up and look at their parents' lives, and do not see anything that matches the adventure they read about in the Scripture (inconsistent faith)

- This is the deep point under the whole challenge. Children rarely inherit the faith their parents talked about. They inherit the faith their parents lived.
- The old wisdom of teaching children to love God as you walk through ordinary lives(Deut 6:7) assumes there is a living faith worth passing on in the first place.

# Checklist: If family has become an idol

- Has “protecting my family” quietly become the reason you say no to almost everything God might ask?
- Would your children describe your faith as an adventure with Christ, or as a set of rules and comfortable routine?
- Are you waiting for some future season to take risks for God, while the present keeps slipping by?
- If a stranger watched your week, would they see the Holy Spirit at work or just a well-run household?

A photograph of a forest path covered in fallen autumn leaves, with trees and a misty background. The text is overlaid on this image.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. [12] Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:11-12 NIV

**Who am I in Christ?**