**Dead the world – Gal. 6:14**

**Focal Truth: Believers are crucified with Christ - dead to the world**

There are three enemies that oppose the believer: **the world, the flesh & the devil**

We will focus on understanding the world as an enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ & believers

We will focus on believers living in the world but not living like the world

We will focus on believers overcoming the world as we live in the world

**Today we focus on the crucified life of the believer in Jesus Christ while we live in the world**

**Observations**

1. **Believers are crucified with Christ – Gal. 2:20**

*I am crucified with Christ yet I live…*

1. Whoever believes in Christ - deny themselves, takes up their cross & dies with Christ

Lk. 9:23 – *if anyone wishes to follow me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me*

1. Whoever believes in Christ experiences crucifixion with Christ

Rom. 6:3 -5 - *or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life*

Rom. 6:6 – *knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so we would no longer be slaves to sin*

1. The death of Christ on the cross brought victory to the believer

* Christ destroyed sin & death by His cross
* Christ conquered the world by His cross
* Christ freed them from the domination & demands of the world
* Christ provides the power of the Holy Spirit & graces to overcome the world
* Christ death is the way of life for believers

**The power of the cross of Christ saves us & crucifies us!**

1. **The believer’s natural born person died with Christ – Gal. 5:24**

*Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires*

1. Believers were natural born sinners

Eph. 4:22 – *in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit*

1 Cor. 2:14 – *a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them…*

1. The natural born sinner who believes in Christ dies with Christ on the cross

Rom 6:6 – 7 – *knowing that the old self was crucified with Him…for he who has died is freed from sin*

1. The believer’s natural born sinners passions & desires are to be laid aside like an old garment

Col. 3: 7 – 10 – *in them you once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, put them all aside, anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have but on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him*

**The cross of Christ kills the natural born passions & desires of believing sinners**

1. **Believers are dead to the world – Gal. 6:14**

*But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*

1. Paul reminds the Galatians of the **personal pride & praise** of the false teachers – which is what the world practices

6:12 – *they desire to make a good showing in the flesh*

6:13 – *they boast in your flesh*

1. Paul testifies that he only boasts in the **cross of Jesus Christ – 6:14**

*May it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*

1. **What is the world? –** **the evil organized system controlled by the devil, which operates in unbelief in God & Jesus Christ**

* The world is **evil & sin – filled** – their deeds are evil
* The world **hates the Lord Jesus Christ & the church** – it is **antichrist**
* The world has **its ways – passions, pride, thinking & lifestyles**
* The world has **a ruler – the devil**
* The world has **rules & demands conformity**
* The world **leaves a mark – sorrow, emotional stains, & corruption by lusts**

1. The believer is dead to the world **because he is crucified with Christ**

Gal. 6:14 – *except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*

1. Believers are dead to the world

* Believers are dead to worldly desires & attractions
* Believers are dead to the worldly loves
* Believers are dead to the worldly interests
* Believers are dead to the worldly ideas & thoughts
* Believers are dead to worldly ways

Rom. 6:11 *– consider yourselves to be dead to sin…*

Col. 3:5 – *therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to*

*immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and greed which amounts to idolatry*

1. The world is dead to believers

* The world is unable to harm the believer
* The world is unable to attract the believer’s attention & desires
* The world is unable to control the believer’s lifestyle
* The world is unable to influence the believer’s thinking

**The crucified believer lives unaffected & unharmed by the world**

**Things to Remember**

1. The cross of Jesus Christ saves the believer & crucifies the believer
2. The cross of Jesus Christ kills the natural born passions & desires of believing sinners
3. The cross of Jesus Christ kills the believer’s worldly desires & ways
4. The cross of Jesus Christ kills the power of the world over the believer

**Daily Use**

1. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ & be freed from your natural born sinfulness
2. Crucify the flesh daily as a follower of Jesus Christ while you live in this world
3. Live a Spirit filled life because you have been crucified with Christ