



THE LIFE YOU NOW LIVE **“I Live by Faith” Galatians 2:20**

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Everybody you've ever met is in the process of living a lifetime. Every one of them has developed a certain approach to life; we call it a lifestyle. Behind every lifestyle is a system of beliefs that determines attitudes and actions. You could call this living by faith. But in what?

I. Why Believe Anything?

- A. The question of human intelligence: Why do I have so many questions?
 - 1. The existence of human powers of observation, deduction, and curiosity.
 - 2. The limits of all the above lead to questions, assumptions, and conclusions.
- B. The question of human existence: Why am I here?
- C. The question of human relevance: Who am I?
- D. The question of human transience: Where am I going?

II. Everybody Believes Something.

- A. Belief that God is; belief that God is not.
- B. Belief that God is interested in me; belief that He isn't.
- C. Belief that God is relevant to my life; belief that He is not relevant.
- D. Belief that life has eternal repercussions; belief that it has none.

III. Belief Impacts Everything.

- A. A conviction that certain things are true.
 - 1. The present age is evil; we need to be delivered. 1:3
 - 2. God is actively involved in doing this through His Son. 1:4
 - a. Jesus is Lord and Christ.
 - b. Jesus is the Son of God.
 - c. Jesus “gave Himself.”
 - 3. The Lord Jesus Christ died and rose again for our justification. 2:16
- B. A conclusion that certain things are personal.
 - 1. God plans for people even before their birth! 1:15
 - 2. God takes an initiative and reveals truth and calls to Himself. 1:16
 - 3. God does this out of love and personal sacrifice...for me! 2:20
 - 4. God sends Christ to live in me! 2:20
- C. A commitment to live in dependence on whom God is and what He does.
 - 1. Living with a sense of significance because I'm created and called.
 - 2. Living with a sense of satisfaction because I'm loved and forgiven.
 - 3. Living with a sense of sufficiency because I'm indwelt and empowered.

Point to Ponder: Is my faith showing?