



## **THE LIFE YOU NOW LIVE** **"I Live for God" Galatians 2:19-20**

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"Quality of life" is now a major factor in people's thinking. They are asking, "What are we living for?" Answers proliferate, but the Bible says we are called to "live for God!"

### **I. Living for God Does Not Come Naturally.**

- A. Living for myself: personal goals and self-satisfaction.
- B. Living for others: concerns for family, neighbors, and world.
- C. Living for God: transcendent purpose, eternal dimension.

### **II. Living for God Does Not Happen Automatically.**

- A. Living for God involves being justified by faith.
  - 1. No one is justified by the works of the law.
    - a. What does it mean to be justified?
    - b. What exactly are the works of the law?
      - i. Earning justification through obeying Mosaic law: legalism.
      - ii. Living Christian life by religious observance: nomism.
    - c. Why is no one justified this way?
      - i. Because the law requires total obedience. 3:10
      - ii. Nobody has been, or can be, totally obedient.
      - iii. Law was given as a "paidagogos" to lead us to Christ.
  - 2. Anyone can be justified by "faith in Christ."
    - a. By the faithfulness of Christ.
    - b. Through faith in Christ.
- B. Living for God involves being crucified with Christ.
  - 1. "I died to the law." See Romans 7:1-4
    - a. Trying to keep the law "killed" me.
    - b. I abandoned it as a means of justification.
  - 2. "I have been crucified with Christ."
    - a. The law didn't save me; it condemned me.
    - b. Christ through His crucifixion bore my condemnation. 3:13
    - c. By identifying with Him through faith, I am no longer condemned.
  - 3. "I no longer live."
    - a. The man who operated by legalism and nomism is no longer around.
    - b. He now operates under a totally new principle, Christ's indwelling.

### **III. Living for God Does Not Happen Casually.**

- A. Because it's empowered through Christ living in me!
- B. Because it's predicated on Christ loving me!
- C. Because it's actualized by Christ giving Himself for me!

**Points to Ponder:** Who am I living for? How do I go about it? How am I doing?