



Crucify the Flesh

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Outline

- **The death of the flesh**
 - **Past & Present**
- **Life in step with the Spirit**
- **Three things to avoid**



Galatians 5:24

- And those who belong to Christ Jesus



**Do you belong to
Christ Jesus?**

Does He Own You?



If you belong to Christ

- Christ is your Savior
 - Christ is your King
 - Christ is your Teacher
 - Christ has redeemed you
 - The Spirit of Christ lives in you
 - All your sins have been forgiven through His death
- And...**



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This idea of being different, holy, distinct, set apart from the fallen, sinful world we live in is something Jesus and all his Apostles make a big deal about in the Scriptures.



Jesus said it like
this:

John 17:14

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- I have given them your word,
and the world has hated them
because **they are not
of the world,** just as I
am not of the world.



Hebrews 13:12–14

- So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.



The world is NOT going to Understand:

- **The way we live**
- **The way we vote**
- **The way we spend our money**
- **The way we view sexuality**
- **The priority church has in our lives**
- **The value we place on the Bible**
- **The belief we have in God**
- **The trust we place in Jesus Christ**



The two words “**this world**” are used throughout the NT to describe the fallen, sinful nature of life on this planet.

i.e. **Jesus said his kingdom was not of ‘this world.’** And Satan is the god of ‘this world.’

Philippians 3:20



- But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,



Turn to

Romans 6:1-6



What shall we say then?

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

By no means!

How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we too might walk in newness of life.**



Newness of Life

This demands a
change from the
OLD way of life.

For if we have been united with him
in a death like his, we shall certainly be
united with him in a resurrection like his.



We know that **our old self** was crucified with
him in order that the body of sin might be
brought to nothing, **so that we would no
longer be enslaved to sin.**



Look How Paul Previously Said It

Galatians 2:20



Galatians 2:20

- I have been crucified with Christ.
- It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Paul said, “I” have been crucified

The “I” here is Paul’s sinful, fallen nature—the flesh

Obviously, we understand that this is a metaphor to describe the spiritual transformation that takes place when a believer is spiritually born from above



2 Corinthians 5:17

- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation.**
- The old has passed away; behold, **the new has come.**



Again Paul says the
same thing only
different in

Galatians 6:14



Galatians 6:14

- But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, **by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**



**If you are NOT repulsed by the
fallen, sinful nature of this world
something is wrong with your kind of
Christianity**

There is NO carnal Christianity!

**There may be moments of carnality
but NOT a characterization of such**



BTW

Everyone doesn't
agree with this
understanding of the
NT



Paul speaks of:

- 1) a past event of
dying to the world
and
- 2) an ongoing battle
against the flesh



Turn to

Romans 8:13



Romans 8:13

- For if you live according to the flesh you will die,

Can Paul be anymore matter-of-fact?



Romans 8:13

- For if you live according to the flesh you will die,
- but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.



Turn to Colossians 3

We look at other passages of Scripture to gain more insight into the doctrine or truth we are trying to understand.



This truth is:

- 1)The reality that I, my flesh, (sinful nature) died with Christ in a way that I cannot understand when I was saved.**
- 2)I must continually put my flesh to death!**

Colossians 3:1



- **If** then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.



Paul leads with the reality that all believers have been spiritually raised with Christ. Prior to this believers were spiritually dead but now they have been raised. Therefore...

Colossians 3:2



- Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.



Stop!

What does this have
to do with Gal 5?



Galatians 5:24

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

What I learn from Colossians is that this crucifying of the flesh seems to involve a past, present, and on-going as needed aspect to it



Colossians 3:3

- For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



Colossians 3:4

- When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Therefore

Colossians 3:5



- Put to death therefore
what is earthly in you:

Crucify



Colossians 3:5

- Put to death therefore **what is earthly in you:** sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.



- **Worldly**
- **Earthly**
- **Sinful**
- **Fleshly**

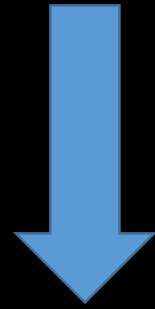
Stand in strong contrast to

- **Godly**
- **Heavenly**
- **Righteous**
- **Spiritual**



Why do I need to
CRUCIFY what is
worldly in myself?

Colossians 3:6



- On account of these the wrath of God is coming.



There is NO assurance of salvation from the wrath of God for those who manifest more of the works of the flesh than the fruits of the Spirit.

Paul is teaching that the evidence of genuine salvation is the crucifixion of the flesh and the pursuit of holiness.

Colossians 3:7



- In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

Past Tense

Colossians 3:8



- But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.



Colossians 3:9-10

- **Do not lie to one another,** seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices **and have put on the new self,** which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.



Turn to Revelation 22



Revelation 22:10–15

¹⁰ And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.” ¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense [reward] with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.



- **Still do right**
- **Be holy**
- **Wash their robes**
- **Do his commandments**
- **Follow me [Jesus]**
- **Hear my voice**
- **Obey Him**



Hebrews 5:9

- And being made perfect, he [Christ Jesus] became the source of eternal salvation **to all who obey him,**



Let's Go Back to

Galatians 5:25



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- If we live by the Spirit,
- let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

In Step (Walk)



KJV Translation Count — Total: 5x

The KJV translates Strong's G4748 in the following manner: walk (4x), walk orderly (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* to proceed in a row as the march of a soldier, go in order
 - A.* metaph. to go on prosperously, to turn out well
- II.* to walk
 - A.* to direct one's life, to live



Galatians 5:17–26



¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ 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. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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The New Life In Christ is Holy Spirit led, filled, driven, focused, controlled







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- envying one another.