

Servant Leaders: Crucified with Christ

For through the law I died to the law so that I may live to God. **I have been crucified with Christ**, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So, the life I now live in the body, I live because of the faithfulness of the Son of God, who **loved** me and **gave** himself for me. I do not set aside God's grace, because if righteousness could come through the law, then Christ died for nothing! *Galatians 2:19-21* ^{NET}

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Becomes less about ourselves, and more about Christ.

Causes us to **grow in grace**, not because it is dictated, but out of relationship.

There is no growth under the law, for the law dictates what we ought to do. [a child is told what to do]

Consider *1 Corinthians 13:11*

“When I was a child, I **spake** as a child, I **understood** as a child, I **thought** as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” ^{KJV}

The way we **think** needs to change.

1 Corinthians 2:16

“For “*who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?*” But we have the **mind** of Christ.” ^{NKJV}

We are to grow not just in stature but in **wisdom**, in **knowledge** and in **understanding**.

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.” *Luke 2:40* ^{KJV}

This growth extends beyond ourselves and allows us to **expand** beyond our comfort zone.

Allows us to expand beyond **self-imposed** borders.

The Life that We Live

We are to extend God's **love** to others and to give life through Christ Jesus.

Life that is given provides:

- a. freedom from bondage *John 8:36*
- b. healing through forgiveness *Luke 17:3-5*
- c. the ability to carry another's burden *Mark 15:21*

Consider *Revelation 12:11*

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” ^{KJV}

1. Your testimony has the ability to set someone free.
2. Your testimony gives others permission to release false notions. *2 Corinthians 10:4-5*
3. Your testimony has the power to save another's life!

“*But it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things that God **has prepared** for those who love Him*”
1 Corinthians 2:9

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