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TWO CRUCIFIXIONS FOR THE CHRISTIAN

When you place yourself on the altar as a “*living sacrifice*” in obedience to God, you are mirroring Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Essentially, there are two crucifixions that must occur in order to experience victorious kingdom living - Jesus’ and your own. Paul writes of these, “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” (Galatians 6:14, emphasis added).

To identify with Jesus Christ is to identify with His surrender on the cross. Being “*crucified with Christ*” (Galatians 2:20) creates a resultant disconnect from this world’s order as well as a subsequent attachment and alignment with Him.

The word “world” in the Greek of Galatians 6:14 is *kosmos*. It refers to an organized system arrangement designed to promote a specific emphasis or philosophy. For example, we talk about the “world of sports,” the “world of finance,” or the “world of politics.” These phrases are not referencing a location, but an organized system inclusive of certain definitions, regulations and philosophical worldviews.

When Paul states that he has been crucified with Christ, he is saying that he is no longer alive to this world’s system that wants to leave God out, Paul was crucified to the strategies and rules that are set up to try and make humanity acceptable to God independently of God. AMEN.

Dr. Tony Evans

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

