

Session #4 – “Not I But Christ:
The Primacy of the Cross” (Part 2)
(Galatians 6:1-18)

A “Rule” to Live By: The Primacy of the Cross of Christ – Ga 6:12

- The sole, single basis of all “rightness” ...with God, ourselves, others – Ga 2:20
 - ...the rule/standard for all our valuation: the Crucified, Risen Life of “Christ in me”
 - ...the sphere/range of all our activity: “in Christ”
 (We will walk in the “way of the cross”, or, in the “ditches” of legalism or license!)
- Living with a double confession: “Not I”... “But Christ” – Ga 2:20

The Cross for the “Old Man” (Salvation and Replacement)

- Only God can “create” – Ga 6:15
 - ...a race of “Christ-ones”
 - ...the exchanged/replaced life (life out of death!) – Ga 2:20
- Human wholeness is not found in... the religious life... or the party life...
 - ...only in Christ’s life! – Col 2:9,10; II Pet 1:3,4

The Cross in the “New Man” (Identification and Liberation)

- The cross makes us “un-worldly” – Ga 6:14
 - ...“the world crucified to me”: a “dead end” for life as God intended
 - ...“and I to the world”: its claims on me cancelled by my death in Christ
- Freeing us from self glorification, self preservation, self interest – Ga 6:12-13

The Cross through the “New Man” (Intercession and Ministry) – II Cor 4:7-12

- We are now the “altar” upon which He pours out His intercessory Life – Heb 7:25
 - ...self-emptying ...identification ...the “way” of the cross
 - ...everything we have received shall escape out of us – Jo 7:38; Ga 5:22-23
- We offer the prayer of self offering...
 - ...“Not I, but Christ... Live this life... I’ll be for others... Not my will, but Yours”
 - ...standing in the gap for others; seeking their well being – Ga 5:13; 6:10; Ezek 22:30

- We engage in “Christian Philanthropy” – II Cor 4:7; Eph 3:8; Col 2:3; II Tim 1:4
 - ...Col 1:27 – “the riches of... Christ in You!” – Ga 3:29; 4:7
 - ...all we have freely received is entrusted to us for the enrichment of others – Matt 10:8; Ga 5:22-23
- Examples:
 - ...restoration of the fallen – Ga 6:1
 - ...bearing the burdens of the oppressed – Ga 6:2
- His invisible Life made visible through us; the “Word” becomes “flesh” as you and me!
 - ...the loving life of God runs its course: From a Person... through a person(s)... to a person(s)!
 - ...His “witnesses” of peace, mercy, and grace will be upon us – Ga 6:16,18
 - ...We will be LIVING the Truth of the Gospel!