



PALM SUNDAY

“The Beautiful Death”

March 28, 2021

Text: Galatians 2:20

Life as Christ _____ demands death as Christ _____.

1. I have been crucified with Christ.

a. V. 19, For through the law I _____ to the law, so that I might _____ to God.

b. Gal. 3:10, For all who rely on works of the law are under a _____; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

c. JI Packer defines *justification* as “a judicial act of God _____ sinners, _____ them as just, and so putting permanently _____ their previously estranged relationship with himself.”

2. It is no longer I who live...

- a. John 3:19, " _____ has come into the world, and people loved the _____ rather than the light."

- b. Sin is not JUST rejecting God and his truth. The root of sin is a heart that _____ God for ANYTHING else.

- c. Romans 3:10-11, "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God."
 - i. It is _____ that I no longer live!

3. But Christ lives in me.

- a. Turning the script: because of the _____ Christ initiated, there is _____ as Christ intended.

- b. _____ Christ's death could bring sinful humans before holy God.

- c. “What dies in union with Christ is old passions — old destructive, _____, Christ-dishonoring desires. That’s how we show Christ now. We have new desires. His _____ start to rule.” (John Piper)

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Think of some times where someone else paid for you or filled a need you had. How did they do it? What did it mean for them and what did it mean for you? Why did Jesus have to die (consider Romans 3:23 and 6:23)? What did it mean for him, and what did it mean for us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon deeper.

Take a moment to look back on your week! Have a couple people share: what are some highs, lows, and/or buffalos? (Highs = high points, Lows = low points, Buffalos = interesting)

Why was Jesus' death "beautiful?" Why was it necessary?

How does Galatians 2:20 shape how you understand Paul's statement in Philippians 1:21?

How do you think Paul's definition of the words "life" and "death" might differ from the world's definition?

Looking ahead to Easter Sunday - why was Jesus' resurrection also "beautiful" and "necessary?" How does the story change if Jesus is still dead?

Read Luke 24:1-12. What do you think Peter was "marveling" at in verse 12? What might have been going through his mind?

Father, thank you for your Son. Thank you for your grace, not leaving me in my sinful state. Thank you for providing payment for my sin. Forgive me for portions of this life I have wasted on living as if I have not been crucified with Christ. Show me how to make the most of Christ living in me. Holy Spirit, fill us by the power of your grace, in Jesus' name, Amen.