

Walking In Freedom

“Freedom from I”

Galatians 2:19-21

"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

- Crucifixion requires another, so it takes the “I” of doing it myself out of the equation.
- Being crucified with Christ begins with taking up your cross.

I. Freedom begins when we stop trying to earn what God freely gives

“... I have been crucified with Christ”

“Not doing these things (works) in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already” – CS Lewis

II. Taking up your cross is not heroic

"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

Taking up your cross = Repentance

III. Though we've been crucified, we live by faith

“...The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God”

IV. Your confidence is in the cross of Jesus Christ, not in your own

"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

“If we could save ourselves, Christ's death is pointless and means nothing. However, if we realize we cannot save ourselves, Christ's death will mean everything to us”
– Tim Keller

- The Christian life is not “I must do enough”. It is “Christ has already done enough”.

Do you know freedom from “I” today?