

**He Is Alive and So Am I | 04.12.26**  
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Go ahead and take out your Bibles and open to the book of **Galatians**.

Wow—what a privilege to begin this brand-new week in the house of the Lord. We're finishing up spring break, and some of our folks still aren't back yet. So this morning, we're not going to Hebrews.

Kory gave me the freedom to choose a passage and a topic, and I pray what we look at today will bless you and be faithful to the Word of God.

Let me ask you something:

**How many of you have ever heard this expression—“a picture is worth a thousand words?”**

Most of us agree with that.

So let me give you a quick rundown—in pictures—of our spring break week.

It started Monday. It was Celisa's birthday. We've got this little text group called *Dexter for Life*, and throughout the week, family members were posting pictures.

First picture—celebrating Mimish's birthday at Kory and Katie's house. And let me tell you—if you ever get invited for her waffles, you better go.

It was a great start to spring break.

Later, we got a picture from Utah. Corey posted it, and Mimish about came apart—Crider sitting on the edge of a cliff, hundreds of feet up. That's Crider.

Another day—three of her grandgirls at LBL, horses in a field, a farmer planting corn in the distance.

Then G-Man finally caught a fish.

Then Finley at Park City, Kentucky, playing what's supposed to be the greatest golf course in the state.

And then—y'all want to know what I did?

That picture says it all.

Now, throughout the week, the kids thought I was missing out. But Mimish would tell them:

Papaw enjoys driving his tractor just like you enjoy riding your horse.  
Papaw would rather be on that tractor than fishing.  
Papaw enjoys planting corn as much as you enjoy golf.

**Pictures are worth a thousand words.**

But sometimes, someone can take just a few words—and paint an incredible picture.

And that’s what Paul does here.

Would you stand with me and open to **Galatians chapter 2**?

We’re going to read it again:

**“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”**

Let’s pray.

Father, thank You for this opportunity to open Your Word.  
Speak to us. Change us. Help us not just to hear—but to live it.  
Prepare us for what You have ahead this week.  
In Jesus’ name, amen.

You may be seated.

A picture is worth a thousand words.

But Paul takes **45 words** and paints one big picture:

**He is alive—and so am I.**

## **1. “I have been crucified with Christ”**

Six words.

What a picture.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the resurrection. Before that—Good Friday.

Christ was crucified.

Mocked. Beaten. Whipped. Nailed to a cross.  
For six hours, He struggled to breathe.

The Son of God—who lived the life I couldn't—died the death I should have.

God placed our sin on Him.

He bore the wrath.

“My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”

And then—**“It is finished.”**

He gave up His spirit.

And Paul says:

**I have been crucified with Christ.**

Not just Christ on the cross—Paul says, *I was there too.*

This is a statement of fact. A finished action with ongoing results.

Paul believed:

- It happened in the past
- It is still true now
- He didn't do it—God did it to him

So let me ask you:

**Can you say that?**

Romans 6 explains it:

**Our old self was crucified with Him** so that the power of sin would be broken.

Not destroyed—but rendered powerless.

Like putting a transmission in neutral.

Sin is still there—but it no longer rules.

**You are no longer a slave to sin.**

The old you is dead.

And I'll just say this—I wasn't taught that growing up.

I was taught:

- You're a sinner
- You get saved
- Now you're a saved sinner

But Paul says:

**No—you put off the old self and put on the new.**

You are not still a sinner.

You are a **saint**:

- Alive to God
- Dead to sin

The old man is dead.

The new man is alive.

**He is alive—and so am I.**

## **2. “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me”**

Thirteen words.

**Christ lives in me.**

Where is Christ?

Yes—He is seated at the right hand of God.

Why seated? Because:

**The work is finished.**

Your salvation is complete.

But Paul says something more:

**That same Christ is living in you.**

So what is He doing?

**He is living.**

Living for God—through you.

So ask yourself:

Is it you living—or Christ living in you?

## **3. “The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith...”**

Eighteen words.

Paul says:

**I live by faith in the Son of God.**

Not by:

- Law
- Works
- Rules
- Legalism

**By faith.**

Faith means:

- Trust
- Dependence
- Reliance

Not just knowing about Christ—  
But **trusting Him in the moment.**

Let me ask you:

**Is your flesh showing?**

Because when it is—your faith isn't active in that moment.

You've shifted from neutral into drive.

But Paul says:

Trust Christ.

Let Him live through you.

And that shows up in real life:

- In relationships
- In conflict
- In forgiveness

When your flesh says retaliate—  
Christ says forgive.

When your flesh says walk away—  
Christ says love.

Even on the cross, He said:

“Father, forgive them.”

So we trust Him.

Not just for salvation—  
**But for daily living.**

## **4. “Who loved me and gave himself for me”**

Eight words.

**He loved you.**  
**He gave Himself for you.**

That’s why He is worthy of your trust.

He left heaven.  
Took on flesh.  
Lived your life.  
Died your death.

And now:

He lives in you  
And wants to live through you

## **Application: Rest in Christ**

Let me say this clearly:

**Don’t just trust Him for justification—trust Him for sanctification.**

Rest in Him.

Because when you rest:

**He lives through you.**

## **Conclusion**

Here’s the picture Paul paints in 45 words:

**You died with Christ  
Christ lives in you  
You live by faith  
Because He loved you**

So remember this:

**He is alive—and so am I.  
He is alive—and so are we.**

Tomorrow, you're going to face a moment.

Your flesh will want control.

And you'll have a choice:

Put it in drive  
Or stay in neutral

Choose this:

**Let Christ live through you.**

Let's pray.

Father, thank You that Your Son is alive—and so are we.  
Help us live this out every day, not just one Sunday a year.  
If anyone needs salvation, draw them today.  
And as we leave—let us live this truth:

**He is alive—and so am I.**

In Jesus' name, amen.

You are not dismissed.

**You are sent.**

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