

AM I DONE WITH THE FLESH?

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S - Scriptures

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” Galatians 5: 24

C – Consideration

This verse is the conclusion of a discussion on the old sinful nature in contrast with the new one as the Christian had become the temple of the Holy Spirit. Paul explained the spiritual battle that happens inside of God’s people in order to show the divine nature, as they are no longer the devil’s children, but God’s children. The spiritual rebirth had changed them, they were redeemed by Christ’s death on the cross and justified by Christ’ resurrection. Then, for a follower of Christ, the crucifixion is not an option it is a command. Jesus said, “And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily.” For it is there that the sinful desires of the flesh must be nailed.

C – Commitment

As I read the verse, I felt convicted: Am I really done what God’s word expected me to do? It is a challenging question, for it is said that a true Christian will be recognized by the type of fruit he produces: the fruit of the flesh or the fruit of the Spirit. If I claim to be a Christian, but, I am keeping lying, gossiping, stealing, hating, committing sexual immorality, I have to ask another question: am I a Christian? If I have doubt I should call upon the name of the Lord with sincerity, humility, and a broken heart. If there is one thing that grieves the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is hypocrisy, however, truth pleases the heart of God.

C – Call

Heavenly Father, thank you for your word this morning that had challenged me to make sure that the cross is part of my daily life. I can’t leave it behind. Father, please give me a sincere heart where I can truly express the divine nature through the fruit of the Spirit in my life and glorify you, not myself. My Father, help me to put to death whatever belongs to the old nature and to say the same words of Paul: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." In Jesus’ name, I pray, Amen.