

Crucified Christians

The life of a Christian is one that is a very noble and happy, but it is not easy. To live it right means a complete surrender to the will of God (Galatians 2:20). We know that Christ was crucified and we understand what it means for Christ to be crucified. But when Paul says, "I am crucified," what does he mean? The following are some observations for you to consider.

The Christian's Feet Should Be Crucified

Jesus' feet were crucified. They crossed His feet upon the upright beam of the cross and drove the long spike into them. Just imagine the agony of that experience! Our feet should be crucified also. We must be careful where they take us and never let them lead us into a place that will dishonor Him. Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. He wants our feet to be clean also. They should never walk in sinful places, but they ought to go on errands of mercy (Galatians 6:10; Matthew 18:20; Ephesians 6:15). We are to use our feet in God's service, offering help and salvation to our fellow beings.

A Christian's Hands Should Be Crucified

Jesus' hands were crucified. They were stretched out upon the crossbeam of that cruel cross and in agony and blood they were nailed to the tree. If our hands are crucified, we will be careful what we handle. They should never handle anything that will stain them with sin. If you want to be like Him, you must be careful what your hands handle. Jesus' hands would have never held anything sinful or ungodly. Can you imagine Jesus handling a bottle of whiskey or beer or some of the other things Christians handle today?

A Christian's Ears Should Be Crucified

If our ears are crucified we will be careful about the things to which we listen. Some of those Sunday and Wednesday voices say, "Don't go to services. Have a good time. Do whatever you want." That is the voice of the devil, and the crucified Christian must not listen to him. Some of those weekday voices say, "Make more money. Forget what the preacher said on Sunday." Those cries come from Satan and lure us toward the gates of hell. Crucified ears do not listen to gossip and the things which hurt others. There are many who lap up gossip with their ears. They have "itching ears."

A Christian's Eyes Should Be Crucified

Isaiah was talking about Jesus when he said, "His appearance was marred more than any man." On the cross His face must have been beaten and bloody. They pressed the crown of thorns upon His brow. If our eyes are to be crucified, we must be careful at what they look. There are so many things today that make an appeal to the eyes, and through the eyes to the baser passions. The world uses light and beauty to lure us downward. If our eyes are crucified we must look away from those things. We should be looking up for His coming because He is coming to reward us according to our works.

A Christian's Tongue Should Be Crucified

James says that you can put bits in the mouths of horses to turn them, but that no one can turn the tongue. We turn a great ship in its course with a little rudder, but not so with the tongue. He tells us that we can tame all manner of beasts, but that the tongue cannot be tamed (James 3:1-10). Now if we use our tongues for Him, we will never wag them unnecessarily. One tongue wagging can start a great deal of problems (Job 6:24). There will be no sharp words from us if our tongues are crucified. We should be speaking words of edification and not like salt on a wounded back.

A Christian's Heart Should Be Crucified

Jesus' heart was crucified. He came to His own and His own received Him not. As He died they thrust the spear into His side and water and blood gushed out. Is your heart crucified? Is it dead to sin and evil? Is it a throne upon which He lives? Does He have first place in your life, or are you divided between the world and Jesus (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7; Luke 6:45)? We were a people who were sunk in the sea of sin. Satan had us in His grip. But Christ loved us and gave up the glory of heaven and came down and died for us.

Our lives should be used for Him. If Jesus lives in you, He ought to shine through you. We pray that you will leave all the things of sins and selfishness and worldliness and give yourself to Jesus today and for all the days to come. We want you to be able to say, "*I am crucified with Christ.*"

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