

# THREE CRUCIFIXIONS

Galatians 6:14

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Paul, in our text, refers to THREE crucifixions.
2. To "crucify" something or somebody is to put it or them to death.
3. Paul, in our text, refers to:
  - (1) The Crucifixion of Christ
  - (2) The World crucified.
  - (3) The Believer crucified.
4. His crucifixion to the world, and the world's crucifixion to him, is the result of the Lord's crucifixion.

## I. CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION

1. Paul said the cross, the crucifixion of Christ, to him was a subject of glorying -- Gal. 6:14; I Cor. 1:23; 2:2.
2. The cross is a subject of glorying because:
  - (1) Of the LOVE of Him who suffered -- John 15:13.
  - (2) Because of the ATONEMENT for sins that was made -- Heb. 2:9; I Pet. 1: 18 - 19; Matt. 26:28; I Pet. 2:24.
  - (3) Because of the purity and holiness of His life -- the just dies for the unjust -- I Pet. 2:22; I Pet. 3:18.
  - (4) Because He nailed the law to His cross and took it out of the way -- Col. 2:14.
  - (5) Because he sealed the New Testament with His blood -- Heb. 9: 16 - 18, 23; Matt. 26:28.
  - (6) Because He bought the CHURCH with His BLOOD when He died on the cross -- Acts 20:28.
  - (7) Because His death on the cross procured for us admission into heaven -- Heb. 10:19.
  - (8) Because of the support and consolation which goes from the cross to sustain us in trial -- Rev. 1:18.

## II. THE WORLD CRUCIFIED

1. Paul said, "*The world is crucified unto me*" --Gal. 6:14.
2. Paul had died to the love, practice, and guilt of sin in repentance and baptism -- Rom. 6: 2 - 4.
3. He came forth from Baptism to walk in newness of life -- Rom. 6:4.
  - (1) The old man crucified and the body of sin destroyed -- Rom. 6:6.
  - (2) He is now "*purged from his old sins*" -- II Pet. 1:9.
  - (3) He is now a new creature -- II Cor. 5:17.
  - (4) He is dead to sin -- Col. 3:3.
4. He has crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts-- Gal. 5:24.
5. Col. 3:5 -- "*Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to*":
  - (1) Fornication
  - (2) Uncleanness
  - (3) Inordinate affection (passion)
  - (4) Evil concupiscence (evil desire)
  - (5) Greed or covetousness

(6) All works of the flesh -- Gal. 5: 19 - 21

### **III. THE BELIEVER CRUCIFIED**

1. "*And I unto the world*"-- Gal. 6:14.
2. To the world, Paul was no better than a man crucified.
3. The world regards the Christian no longer as its own, and therefore hates him to the point of persecution-- I Pet. 4:4; Matt. 5: 10 - 12.
4. The world regards the Christian as a dead man who has no longer any attractions that it should desire him.
5. Paul said he was "DEFAMED" and made as the filth of the world and the off scouring of all things -  
- I Cor. 4:13.
6. A Christian crucified unto the world:
  - (1) Is ridiculed -- I Cor. 4: 12 - 13; I Pet. 4:4
  - (2) His actions and motives misrepresented.
  - (3) Despised as a sort of madman many times by the world -- Acts 25:24.

### **CONCLUSION**

1. Friend, do you glory in the cross?
2. Have you put the world to death?