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# IMAGO DEI

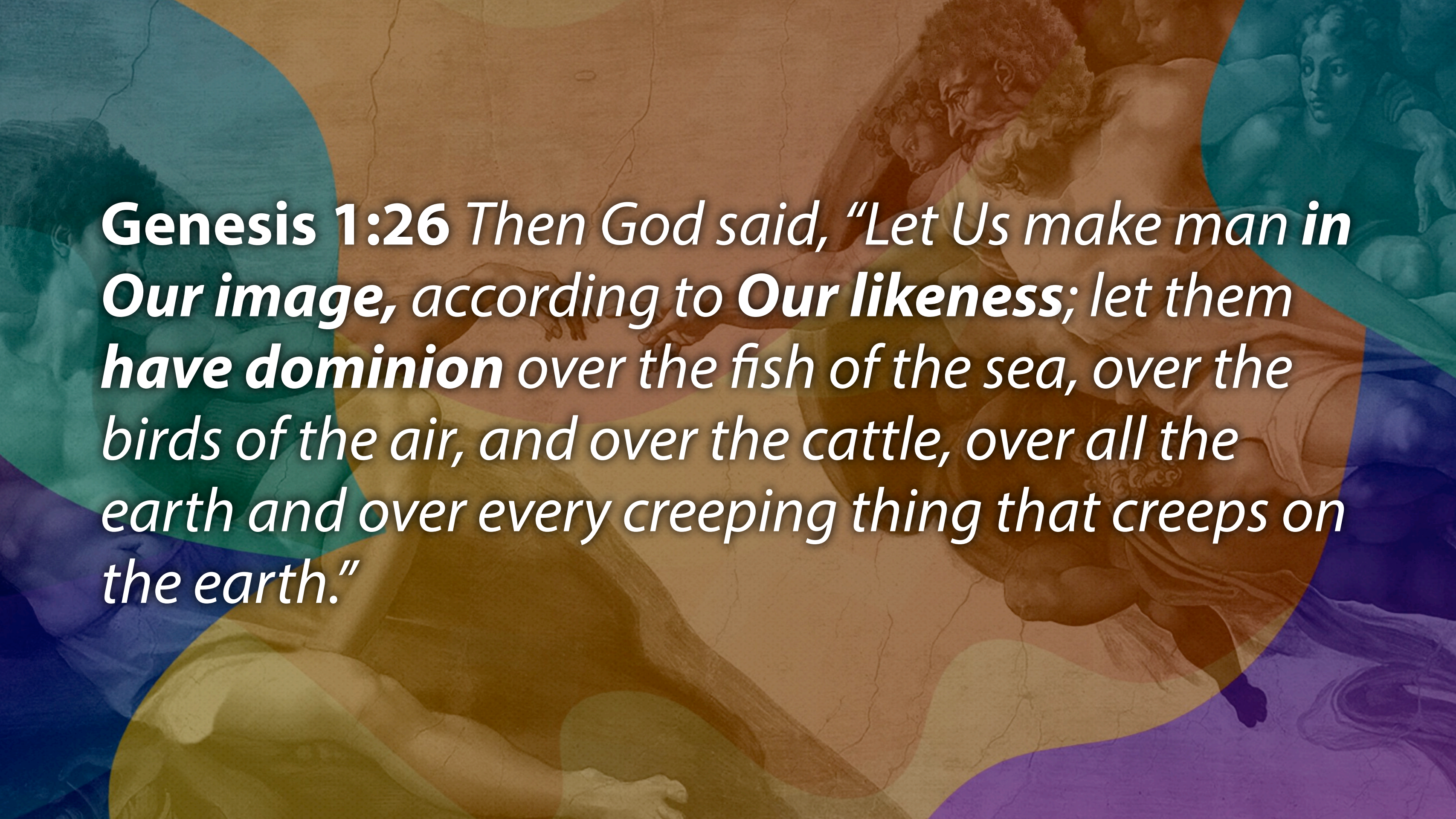
(The Image of God)

## THE LIFE YOU LIVE

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* GALATIANS 2:20

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**Genesis 1:26** *Then God said, “Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*



The background of the slide is a reproduction of Michelangelo's famous fresco, "The Creation of Adam," which depicts Adam reclining on the left and God reaching toward him from the right. A vibrant rainbow is superimposed over the entire scene, with its colors blending into the image. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**What is the imago Dei?**

**Imago Dei is the Latin term for “*Image of God.*”**

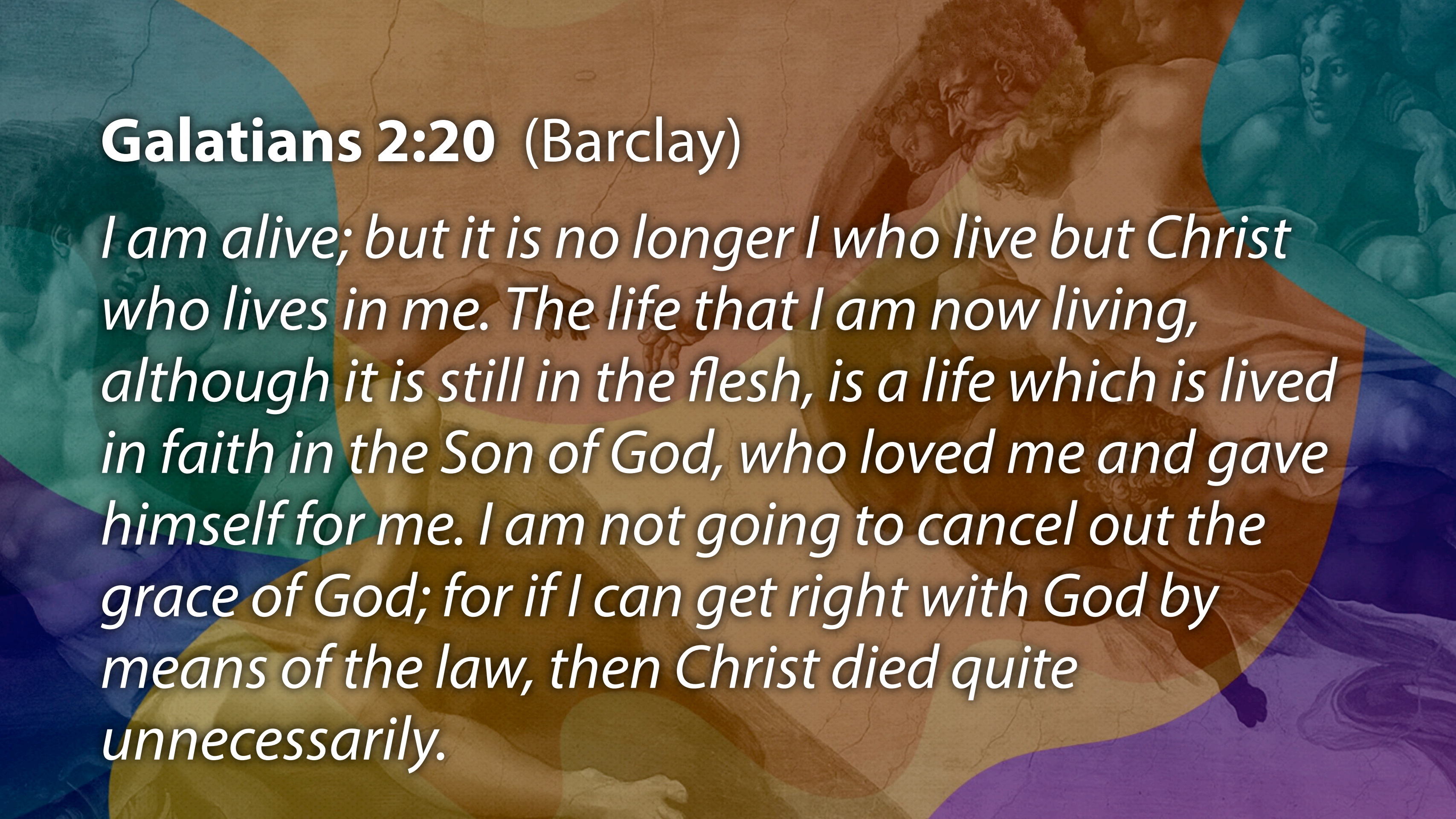
Knowing who you are is foundational to both a healthy self-image and a strong sense of purpose.



## Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh 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 comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."*

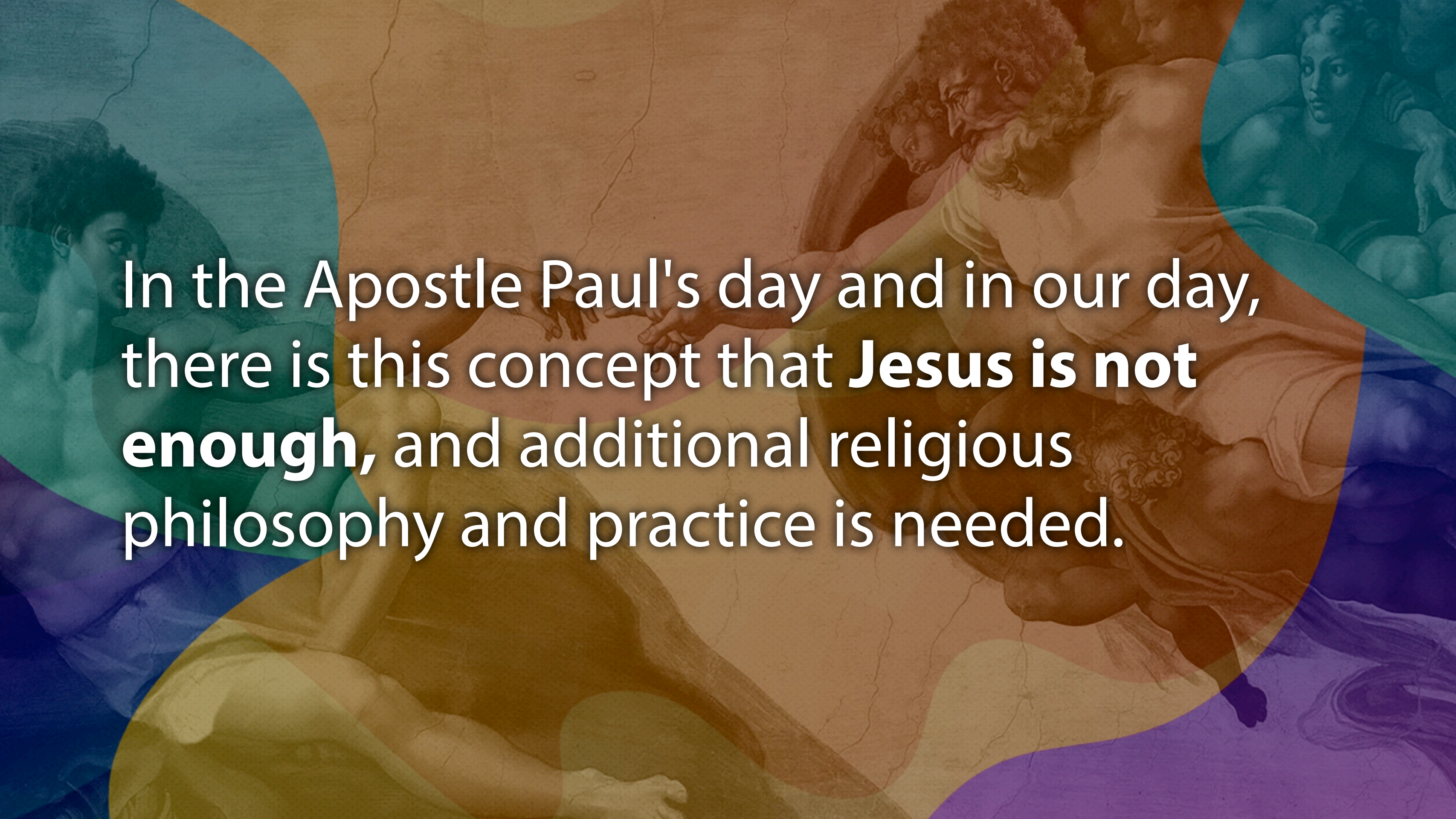




## **Galatians 2:20** (Barclay)

*I am alive; but it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. The life that I am now living, although it is still in the flesh, is a life which is lived in faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to cancel out the grace of God; for if I can get right with God by means of the law, then Christ died quite unnecessarily.*





In the Apostle Paul's day and in our day,  
there is this concept that **Jesus is not  
enough**, and additional religious  
philosophy and practice is needed.





***"The just shall live by faith."*** (Rom 1:17, Gal 3:11)

*The life at peace with God is not attained by futile, never-ending, ever-defeated effort. It can be had only by casting himself on the love and mercy of God as Jesus Christ.*

*~ William Barclay*





**Here is the prescription for a whole and healthy life:**

**Galatians, 2:6** *As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding [d]in it with thanksgiving.*

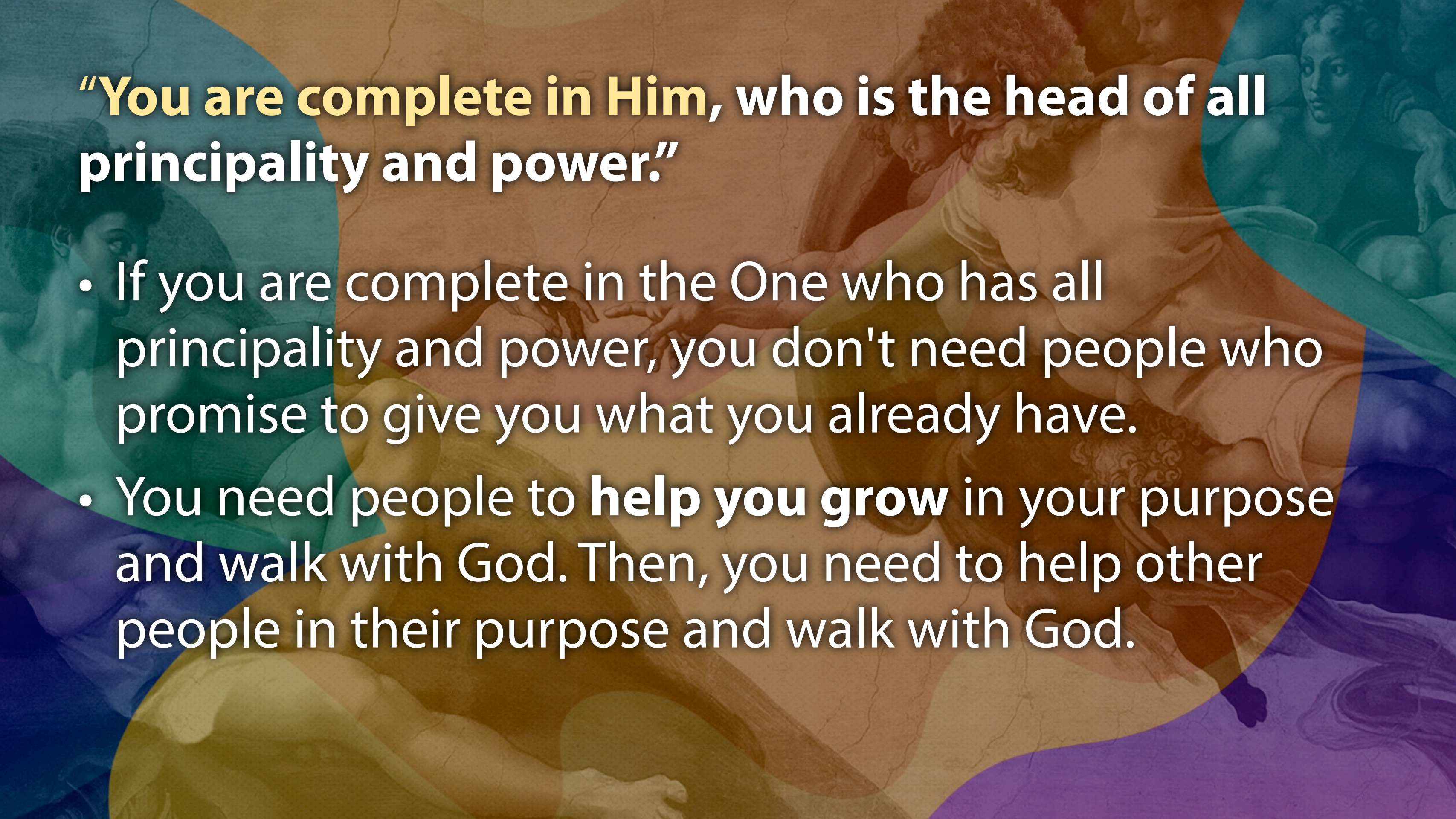




**Here is the prescription for a whole and healthy life:**

**Galatians, 2:8** *Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 **and you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.*





**“You are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”**

- If you are complete in the One who has all principality and power, you don't need people who promise to give you what you already have.
- You need people to **help you grow** in your purpose and walk with God. Then, you need to help other people in their purpose and walk with God.



# The Life You Live - Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live*

Old sinful and selfish versions of myself are dead and in the past.

*But Christ lives in me*

*Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27). This is the most significant factor to blessed and purpose filled life*





## The Life You Live - Galatians 2:20

*And the life which I now live in the flesh*

**“The life I live.”** So in a real sense, you are not living your own life. You are living another life, the life that was given to you when you died and rose again in Christ.





## The Life You Live - Galatians 2:20

*I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

**The life I live** is not one that you entirely control, though you are responsible for it. Most importantly, you get to live by the **power of another.**





## The Life You Live - Galatians 2:20

*I do not set aside the grace of God*

God's grace is everything that He has, and makes available to you.

Why would you set aside His grace which includes obedience to His word, being connected to the body of Christ, serving God's purpose, and being a doer of the word?





## The Life You Live - Galatians 2:20

*For if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.*

If we could save ourselves or do enough religious practice, to be right with God, then **Jesus died for nothing.**