THE CROSS OF CHRIST

Galatians 1:4; 2:20; 3:13; 5:11,24; 6:12,14

Key Verse: 2:20

1. Read Galatians 1:4. What did our Lord Jesus Christ do on the cross? What does it mean that he “gave himself for our sins”? That he “rescued” us?
2. Read Galatians 2:20. How did the cross of Christ impact Paul? What does it mean to be “crucified with Christ”? (Ro6:6; Php3:10) That “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me”? (2Co5:15; Eph3:17a; Col3:3) To “live by faith in the Son of God”? What did Paul experience personally through the cross of Christ, and why is this important? (2:20b)
3. Read Galatians 3:13. What does “Christ redeemed us” mean? (3:14; 4:5) What is “the curse of the law”? (3:10) In what ways do people sometimes feel “cursed”? On the cross how did Christ become a curse for us? (3:13b; cf. 2Co5:21; Ro8:1)
4. Read Galatians 5:24. How else should the cross of Christ impact us? What does it mean to “crucify the flesh,” and why is this the true mark of someone who belongs to Christ? (Lk9:23; Ro8:13; Col3:5)
5. What did Paul mean by “the offense of the cross,” and why do we always have to embrace this? (5:11; cf. 6:12; 1Co1:23; Heb13:13)
6. Read Galatians 6:14. How else did Paul say the cross of Christ impacted his life? In what things do people usually boast, and why? What does it mean to boast only “in the cross of Christ”? (1Co2:2; Php3:8–9) That the world “has been crucified to me, and I to the world”? (1Jn2:15–17) Why is being crucified to the world so important?