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Galatians 6:14 (NKJV) But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) "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.

Introduction

This passage gives a complete perspective regarding what transpires at the cross when we are saved.

- I. On the first cross placed upon a hill called Calvary is Jesus Christ
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
 - A. This cross is life changing
Romans 6:5 (NKJV) For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,
 1. It is life threatening to the old man
 2. It is life building to the new man
 - B. This cross is the line of demarcation
 1. Here the battle lines were drawn
 2. Here the process of change begins
- II. On the second cross placed in the "cosmos" is the Christian
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2889. kosmos, kos'-mos; prob. from the base of G2865; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by impl. the world (in a wide or narrow sense, includ. its inhab., lit. or fig. [mor.]--adorned, world).
 - A. The world sees the Christian as a spectacle
1 Corinthians 4:9 (NKJV) For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.
Hebrews 10:33 (NKJV) partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated;
 1. Our encounter with Jesus makes us aliens to the world
 2. Our fellowship with Jesus brings enmity with the world
 - B. The world views us as an enemy
 - C. Our standards are no longer those of the world
- III. On the third cross placed in your heart is the "cosmos"
Colossians 3:5-10 (NKJV) Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
Romans 6:4-5 (NKJV) Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just

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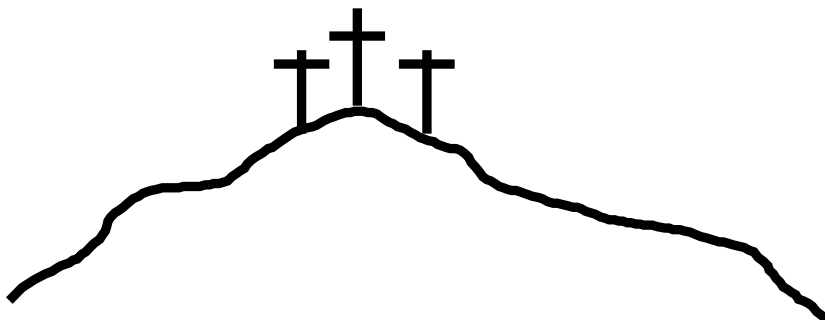
as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 ***For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,***

1 John 2:15-17 (NKJV) Do not love the world or the things in the world. ***If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*** 16 For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- A. Our view and experience of the world is transformed from attraction to alienation
 - 1. Societal values become less and less important
 - 2. We begin to view the world from an eternal perspective
- B. The cross is the beginning of a ***life long process***

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THE FIRST CROSS



THE SECOND CROSS



THE THIRD CROSS

