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Greek Lesson:

"I have been crucified with" (συνεσταύρωμαι): verb indicative mood (fact) perfect tense (completed in the past and remains complete in the present) passive voice (subject is acted on by an outside force, in this case, God) 1st person singular

PART 1: OUR VICTORY

"I have been crucified with Christ."

Q. *What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?*

(This happens when we repent of our sins and believe the gospel)

- **συνεσταύρωμαι** verb indicative (fact) perfect (completed in the past and remains complete in the present) passive (subject is acted on by an outside force, in this case, God) 1st person singular
- **Romans 5:10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (**Free from the penalty of sin - Justification**)
- **Romans 6:6-7** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing (Greek "rendered powerless"), so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. (**Free from the power of sin - Sanctification**)
- **John 14:1-3** Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. (**Free from the future presence of sin - Glorification**)

- **Hebrews 2:14-15** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy (Greek “rendered powerless”) the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (**Free from the power of Satan**)

Fact - Anyone who repents of their sins and believes the gospel has been freed from the penalty, power, and presence of sin; freed from the power of Satan.

PART 2: OUR RESOURCE

“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

Q. *What does it mean to have Christ living in me?*

- **Romans 8:9-11** You, however, are not in the flesh but in **the Spirit**, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have **the Spirit of Christ** does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But **if** Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit** is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If **the Spirit** of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **his Spirit who dwells in you**. (The trinity is one God who lives in each believer).
- **Matthew 28:19-20** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name (singular noun) of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
- **The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God.**
- **Luke 1:37** For nothing is impossible with **God**.

Fact - Nothing God commands a believer to do is impossible for that believer to do.

PART 3: OUR ACCESS

“And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God”

Q. *How do I daily live by faith?*

- **2 Thessalonians 1:11** To this end we always pray for you, that our **God** may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,

- **Ephesians 1:19-20** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead (resurrection power) and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,
- **Ephesians 3:20** Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

Fact - We can access all the resources of Christ by faith in Him. Faith is attempting to obey the Lord expecting Him to fulfill our attempt with His power.

PART 4: OUR MOTIVATION

"who loved me and gave himself for me."

Q. *How great is the love we are loved with?*

- **Romans 5:8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- **John 15:13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.
- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.

Fact - Jesus loves us with the greatest love of all and His love never fails.