

# Galatians 5:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.** Paul describes believers' relationship to the flesh. "And they that are Christ's" (hoi de tou Christou Iēsou, oi δὲ τοῦ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ)—those belonging to Christ Jesus. Believers are Christ's possession, bought with His blood. "Have crucified the flesh" (tēn sarka estaurōsan, τὴν σάρκα ἐσταύρωσαν)—aorist tense indicates definitive past act. At conversion, believers crucified the flesh—not annihilation but decisive death-blow breaking its dominion.

"With the affections and lusts" (syn tois pathēmasin kai tais epithymiais, σὺν τοῖς πάθημασιν καὶ ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις)—with its passions and desires. Pathēma (πάθημα) is passion, suffering, emotion; epithymia (ἐπιθυμία) is desire, lust, craving. Crucifixion imagery: the flesh is dying (still struggles, still fights) but decisively defeated. Believers aren't sinless but the flesh's tyranny is broken. This is positional reality (accomplished at conversion) being worked out practically (progressive sanctification). Union with Christ in His crucifixion means the flesh is crucified too (Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20).

## Historical Context

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Crucifixion was Rome's most shameful, agonizing execution—slow, public, humiliating death. Paul uses this graphic imagery for what happened to the flesh at conversion: it underwent death-sentence. The flesh isn't yet completely dead (resurrection/glorification will complete the process) but it's dying, mortally

wounded, condemned. This "already but not yet" explains Christian experience: the flesh is crucified (positional) but still struggles (experiential). Believers must daily reckon the flesh dead (Romans 6:11) and walk in the Spirit (5:16), applying conversion's decisive victory in daily battles.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding that you've already crucified the flesh at conversion affect your daily battle with sin?
2. What does it mean practically to have crucified the flesh's passions and desires while still experiencing temptation?
3. How do you apply the positional reality (flesh crucified) to experiential reality (ongoing spiritual warfare)?

## Interlinear Text

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ταῖς	δὲ	ταῖς	Χριστοῦ	ταῖς	σάρκα
they that are	And	they that are	Christ's	they that are	the flesh
G3588	G1161	G3588	G5547	G3588	G4561
ἐσταύρωσαν	σὺν	ταῖς	παθήμασιν	καὶ	ταῖς
have crucified	with	they that are	the affections	and	they that are
G4717	G4862	G3588	G3804	G2532	G3588
ἐπιθυμίαις					
lusts					
G1939					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 6:6** (Cross): Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

**Romans 13:14** (References Christ): But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

**Romans 8:13** (Parallel theme): For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

**Romans 8:9** (References Christ): But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

**Galatians 6:14** (Cross): But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

**1 Peter 2:11** (Parallel theme): Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

**1 Corinthians 3:23** (References Christ): And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

**2 Corinthians 10:7** (References Christ): Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

**1 Corinthians 15:23** (References Christ): But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

**Galatians 3:29** (References Christ): And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.