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FLESH FLASH

In Galatians 2:20 it says, ***“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”***

What does this mean? It means when we are born again, we are a new spiritual being, changed from the inside out. It means that our old nature upon receiving Christ as our Savior has been put to death with Christ, and our new nature is a changed person. It lives for Christ, and not for self.

In spite of this awesome transformation, we often slip back into the old nature, with what I would call a “flesh flash.” We are to keep our old nature crucified daily, but often, we don’t do that, and we walk in the flesh. The flesh always wants its own way. It is all about self, and not about others. It always plays the blame game. It whines and cries when it is disciplined but it is absolutely necessary that it is disciplined and crucified daily if we are to walk in victory.

How do we stop these “flesh flashes”? We must be led by Holy Spirit and do as it says in James 1: 19 where it says, ***“...let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”*** By doing this, we control our flesh which seldom listens to others, is quick to speak and quick to wrath.

Each of us have this battle my friends. This message is not a message of condemnation. We make the choice to not hear. First of all, we must make an all-out effort to listen to others. They just might have something to say that would benefit us. Second, we have to learn to refrain from speaking idle hurtful words which are not led by the Spirit. Many troubled relationships are caused by words that should have not been spoken, led by our “flesh flashes.” Thirdly, we must be slow to anger. We have to make an effort to not let offenses get to us or we will be walking in the flesh continuously. We must forgive quickly, and not allow our flesh to control us.

Jesus is our example. When he was reviled, he reviled not. When he was beaten, he took it. When he was crucified, he forgave them. This is not easy, but it can be done. Flesh flash? Let’s crucify that old nature and not let it resurrect and our lives will be much better.