

# A PAINFUL PRIVILEGE

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## Introduction:

**Text:** Galatians 2:20

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.

St. Paul's painful privilege:

### 1. **Christ** = Paul's **Motivation**

because...

- a. Jesus is in-love with us = Our **Value**
- b. Jesus inspires us = Our **Values**
- c. Jesus is our inheritance = Our **Victory**

### 3. God's **Call** = Paul's **Mission**

- a. **Purpose**
- b. **Passion**
- c. **Partnership** with Christ

### 2. The Great **Commission** = Paul's Life **Message**

because the gospel of Jesus...

- a. Has the power to **save**
- b. Has the power to **change**
- c. Has the power to **sustain**

## Conclusion:

## Table Talk – A Painful Privilege

1. As Christians, what are some of the main challenges that make it difficult to live out our faith in Christ (ex. home, workplace, community)?
  
2. Read Philippians 3:4-11 and ask the following questions:
  - a. In verses 4-7, what were St. Paul's past accomplishments and status in society mentioned in these verses that he considered lost or garbage for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus?
  
  - b. In verses 8-9, why was knowing Christ Jesus and being found in Him much more important and valuable for St. Paul than his past accomplishments and status in society?
  
  - c. In verses 10-11, In your own opinion, what does it truly mean to share in the sufferings of Christ, and why is it important for us to have this perspective in living out our faith in Christ?
  
3. Given the challenges we are facing today as a nation due to Covid-19, the civil unrest, and the upcoming presidential election. As believers in Christ, suggest some practical ways in how to respond to these challenges that will reflect our faith in Christ.
  
4. PRAY