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#### Galatians 2:20

Each Monday morning I begin the day excited about the next Sunday's sermon because I get to share what God is going to teach me that week. Now, you may not be a pastor, but you have the same privilege of sharing with someone else what the Lord has been teaching you.

The passion to proclaim Jesus Christ is born from the Christian's conversion experience, but enthusiasm can fizzle unless we continue learning and growing in faith. If we barely know God, why would we want to talk about Him? But if, on the other hand, we are continually growing in our knowledge of His character, works, and ways, we'll want to share with others what we've learned. In the midst of the world's ills, Christians have the most precious treasure—Jesus Christ! What good can we do for the kingdom of God or for our unbelieving friends if we stay quiet about Him?

The message we proclaim not only offers freedom from sin's penalty but also provides the power to live righteously. When Christ died on the cross, each believer was crucified with Him, and sin's allure and power were broken. This means Christ's followers can say no to sins that enslave others and live victoriously in obedience to God.

Most people in the world are searching for a better, happier, more purposeful life. But Christians have the secret of life in Christ, who offers us rest for our souls (Matt. 11:29). This is a message we can't keep to ourselves. As you open your Bible and pray today, ask God to reveal a truth you can share—and the person He wants you to tell

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