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- 2) This verse is full of Christ. You cannot have a more Christ-centered verse. He is mentioned repeatedly. Christ is my life (*Col. 3:3-4; Phil. 1:21*). The life I now live is centered in Him.
- 3) This verse is very personal. The personal pronouns “I” and “me” are found eight times in this short verse. Since the truth of this verse applies to every believer, then those pronouns apply to each one of us just as much as they applied to the Apostle Paul. It’s helpful to read this verse putting my own name in place of each of these pronouns.
- 4) This verse contains no commands. We might think that if this verse is about the Christian life, then it would tell us how we are supposed to live and it would tell us to do certain things. But it doesn’t. There are no commands to obey, only facts to believe. It does not give me orders to follow, but it gives me truths that I am to count as true.
- 5) This verse indicates that the cross of Christ is central to the Christian life. Christ was crucified and I with Him. It is the doctrine of co-crucifixion. I have been identified with Christ in His death and also in His resurrection: crucified, yet I live!
- 6) This verse shows that faith is the key to the Christian life: “I live by the faith of the Son of God.” The Christian life is to continue the same way it commenced (*Col. 2:6*). “For we walk by faith” (*2 Cor. 5:7*).

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