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**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

*Galatians 2:20*

## **Wearing the T-Shirt**

Game-days. Rivals meet on playing fields to pit their best against each other. Anticipation fills the air. School colors decorate campuses, bands march to rhythmic drums, and words of school songs echo through the streets. Supporters cheer in unwavering support of the players who represent their alma mater; and they participate in the events of the day by wearing the t-shirt.

T-shirts boast the colors and the logos of our teams. They call attention to who we are, where we came from, and what we believe. They attract others who share our allegiances and beliefs. And as the number wearing the t-shirt increases and parades down the streets, into the workplaces, and onto the campuses, the camaraderie crescendos into something that becomes much larger than self.

But t-shirts also reveal allegiances and beliefs to the rivals and to others who do not share our loyalty. To them the logos, the colors, and the banners are unwelcome and are sometimes insistently rejected. In the presence of those adversaries our choices are to hide the t-shirt or to take a stand. But on game-day we wear the t-shirt.

In life we wear t-shirts too. Every day presents the opportunity to fill the air with anticipation, decorate our homes and workplaces with who we are, where we came from and what we believe. Every day is a day for wearing the t-shirt of Jesus Christ and to send the message of his love to anyone whose life we touch. Our message will attract others who share our allegiance and beliefs and as the numbers increase, the camaraderie crescendos into something that becomes much larger than self.

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And on game-days we wear the t-shirt.

*“You are the light of the world.”*

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