Series: Faith By Number

<u>Title</u>: The Four "R's" of being Conformed to Christ

Text: (Gal 2:20-21)

I. Introduction:

While teaching us *Reaffirm Our Helplessness*, this verse leads us to *Realize Our New Identity in Christ*.

To elevate our potential from helpless to limitless, we must *Recognize the Power of Faith*.

Our final act of submission requires a willingness to *Relinquish Self-ownership* of our lives to the Christ who wants to live His life through us.

Paul *Reaffirmed his Helplessness* daily. (1 Cor 15:31) *Realizing his Identity in Christ* all the while

Paul Struggled to *Recognize The Power of Faith*, so God gave him a physical weakness that made him seek the Lord for strength. (2 Cor 12:8)

So Paul would have to *Relinquish Self-Ownership* to God So *that the power of Christ may rest upon me*. (2 Cor 12:9)

II. Reaffirm Our Helplessness: (Gal 2:20)

- **A.** Remember our position in Christ. (Rom 6:6-7)
- **B.** The Body of Sin, is a ruling authority. (Rom 7:14-24)
- C. Without God, We are Nothing: (Phil 4:13)
 - 1. Do you blame God for this? (Gal 6:7-8)
 - 2. We imitate God trying to control the outcome of sin
 - 3. Take Responsibility for our Current Spiritual

Condition: (vs 6:7b)(2 Cor 9:6)

D. The Word avoids Deception: (Heb 4:12)(2 Tim 3:16)

II. Realize our New Identity in Christ: (Gal 2:20)

A. Recreated in the Identity of Christ. (2 Cor 5:17)

- 1. We now have the choice
- 2. We have been deceived
- **B.** We are to submit to God's leading! (Prov 3:5-6)
- C. We are to Abide in God's Word! (John 15:4,6,7,10)
 - 1. Our behavior should not determine our Beliefs.
 - 2. Our Beliefs should affect our Behavior.
- **D.** Christ living in us is our only hope: (Col 1:27)

III. Recognize the Power of Faith: (Gal 2:20)

- A. The Faith that saves, will produce change.
 - 1. Faith is dependent upon the Object our faith is in.
 - 2. Faith is determined upon knowledge: (Rom 10:17) (Heb 11:6)
 - 3. Faith is Active, not Passive: (James 2:17-18) (Matt 14:25-31) Peter walking on water.

IV. <u>Relinquish Self-Ownership</u>: (Gal 2:20d)

- **A. Bought with a Price:** (1 Cor 6:19-20).
- **B.** Submission is the Key to Harmony with God (Heb 4:12)(Phil 1:6)