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 VICARIOUS”

Vicarious – “performed or suffered by one person as a substitute for another or to the benefit or

 advantage of another” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

**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.**

The gospel is summed up in four words: “NOT I, BUT CHRIST”

1. **We are Sinful - HE is Righteous**

2 Cor. 5:21 For HE made HIM who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become

 the righteousness of God in HIM. NKJV

1. **We are Guilty – HE is Blameless**

Colossians 1: 21-22 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—  NKJV

1. **We are Ashamed – HE is Confident**

Ephesians 3: 11-12 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. NKJV

1. **We are Sorrowful, Grieving, Burdened – HE is Joyful, Peaceful**

John 15:11” These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your

joy may be full. NKJV

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. NKJV

1. **We are Weak – HE is Strong**

2 Cor. 12:9-10 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. NKJV

1. **We are Sick – HE is Healing**

Mt. 8:16-17 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“He Himself took our infirmities

And bore our sicknesses.” NKJV

1. **We are Eternally Dying – HE is Eternal Life**

John 11: 25-26 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.  26And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” NKJV