

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 2:11-21

“PAUL’S PRACTICE OF HIS GOSPEL MESSAGE” (Part 3)

**Memory Verse: Galatians 2:20** I am crucified with **Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the **Son of God, Who** loved me, and gave **Himself** for me.

The reality is that the Gospel is always at stake in our lives.

- I. Paul’s *Dispute* with Peter about the problem (v. 11-14)
- II. Paul’s *Discussion* with Peter about the problem (v. 15-21)
  - A. The matter of *Justification* (v. 15-18)
    1. The Jewish Christian *Position* (v. 15-16)

“*Justification*” is the act of God whereby the believing sinner is “declared righteous” solely on the merits of Christ’s righteousness. It is not only “just as if I had never sinned,” but also the fact that God now and forever sees the saint as righteous because as He looks upon the saint, He sees the righteousness of His Son.

- a. Justification is an *act*—Justification is *an act* and not a process.
- b. Justification is an act of *God*—“*It is God that justifieth*” (Romans 8:33)
- c. Justification is a *declaration*—God *declares* the believing sinner righteous
- d. Justification deals with *sinners*—God justifies *sinners*, not “good people” (Romans 5:6)

## 2. The Jewish Christian \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17-18)

Paul is asking Peter, “Can this really be true?” “Did Christ then encourage you sin by calling you to place your faith in Him alone for salvation?”

## B. The matter of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-20)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the law—Our \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19)

Freedom from the law is freedom to live—“*live unto God.*”

Cf. John 10:10; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17; 2 Corinthians 5:15

Our ruling motive—our habitual goal should be to glorify God in everything we do—our Christian behavior should be to the glory of God.

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ—Our \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20a)

**Romans 6:6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

When Christ rose from the dead, I rose from the dead. Through faith in Christ, I am both identified with Him in His death and in His resurrection.

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ—Our \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20b)

Just as we are identified with Christ in His death and life, His life and death should be identified in us. “*And be found in Him*” (Phil. 3:9) – **But is HE found in me?**

Cf. Philippians 1:6

**2 Timothy 1:12** ...nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know **Whom** I have believed, and am persuaded that **He** is able to keep that which I have committed unto **Him** against that day.

Cf. Philippians 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:8

## C. Paul’s Summary (v. 21)

Justification by works makes the grace of God \_\_\_\_\_.

Q: Did Christ die for nothing? Do my actions show that Christ died for nothing?

**What is my next step?**

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25  
**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF***)
  
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew***)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
  
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew***)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  
  - d. What example to follow?
  
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew***)
  
5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (***Put ON***)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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## Sermon Notes

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