

# Dying to Live

A Historic Battle for the Gospel, Part 2 Galatians 2:17-21 Chris Mueller 10-2-2022

Introduction:

**Philippians 2:13** both to will and to work for His good pleasure

**Galatian 2:20** 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

**CT Stud** Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.

## #1 Don't be like Peter, who subtly D from the true gospel 11-13

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

## #2 Be like Paul, who D a biblical gospel of grace 14-21

### 1<sup>st</sup> Like Paul C Peter, confront those in gospel error 14

14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

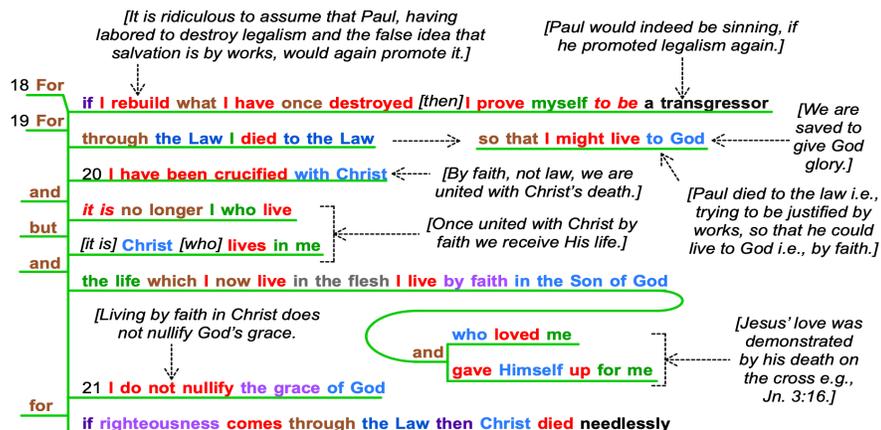
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Like Paul, clarify and C to sound gospel truth 15-16

15 "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; 16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified

17 "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be! 18 "For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 "For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. 20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and 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 up for me. 21 "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly." Paul begins with a challenge to each of you

### THE DEATH OF SELF TO THE LAW AND THE LIFE OF CHRIST BY GRACE

Galatians 2:18-21 (NASB95)



## 1 - Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace 17-18

*17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be!*

**Mark 7:18** ...Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, **19** because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (Thus, He declared all foods clean.)

**Acts 10:13** A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" **15...**, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy."

**Martin Luther** A Christian is not someone who has no sin or feels no sin; he is someone to whom, because of his faith in Christ, God does not impute his sin.

**18** For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor

**F.F. Bruce** Anyone who, having received justification through faith in Christ, thereafter, reinstates law, in place of Christ, makes himself a sinner all over again.

## 2 - Live as one who is \_\_\_\_\_ to the law 19

*19 For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.*

## 3 - Live as one who is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ 20

*20 I have been crucified with Christ; and 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 up for me.*

\* What was nailed to the cross?

**Martin Luther** By [faith] you are so cemented to Christ that He and you are as one person, which cannot be separated, but remains attached to Him forever.

**John Calvin** We must understand that as long as Christ remains outside of us, and we are separated from him, all that he has suffered and done for the salvation of the human race remains useless and of no value for us.

## 4 - Live remembering Christ died \_\_\_\_\_ for you 21

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### TAKE HOME:

**A – Stop trying to \_\_\_\_\_ your salvation**

**B – Live your life in \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ**

**C – Make it your goal every day to die to \_\_\_\_\_ and live for Christ**

### Questions for Growth in Christ

1. How do you think Peter, Barnabas, and the believing Jews responded to Paul's confrontation?
2. Why did some teach that justification by grace influenced Christians to sin? Do we see that attitude today?
3. How is it that justification by grace through faith is taught incorrectly in our day?
4. How does a Christian truly live dead to the law? Is it all the law, or is it just the ceremonial law?
5. What difference does it make to know that you as a believer are in union with Christ?
6. How can you live alive in Christ as taught by verse 20?
7. What difference should the truth that Christ died specifically and specially for you make in your everyday life?
8. What specific steps will you take this week to live out the truths of these verses?

