

¹⁷ But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. ¹⁹ For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God. ²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

— *Galatians 2:17-20*

Discussion/Journal Questions

Have two or three people read Galatians 2:17-20 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

Why do you think some people fear freedom? How does this lead us to adding to the gospel?

Think about expectations for a moment. Have you ever known someone who had high expectations for you, but you let them down? What happened and how did you feel afterwards?

When you have disappointed someone, are you eager to see them? How strong is the relationship in that moment?

Apply this to what Paul says about the Law in Galatians 2:17-20. When Paul tried to keep the Law and failed, it left him condemned and feeling like he has disappointed God. What would that do to Paul's relationship with God?

What is the antidote Paul finds in Galatians 2:20?

What does Paul mean when he says, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"?

Who do you know that needs to hear this good news?

How can your group pray for you this week?