



April 7, 2024 | Pastor Tanner Huss
Galatians 2:15-21 | “Life and Death”

Scripture Reading

Galatians 2:15-21
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Genesis 3:15
Genesis 15:1-6
Luke 24:25-27, 44-49
Romans 2:4; 3:21-26; 10:4
2 Corinthians 5:21

Study Questions

1. Have you ever put all your eggs in one basket only to have the bottom fall out? Share what God taught you through that experience with your community group, spouse, or roommate.
2. What is the goal of the Law according to Galatians 2:15-21 (see Romans 10:4 for a hint)? Even if we don't look to the OT Law for our approval, what other kinds of things are we as humans prone to put in place of faith in Christ for approval? What are some practical ways that we can re-focus our lives on faith in Christ this week?
3. Why do you think Paul asks the question he asks in 2:17 and answers it the way he does in 2:18? In what way could someone criticize the law-free gospel as opening a Pandora's box to sin? How would you answer that kind of criticism, and where would you point in Scripture to show that it is not the Law that leads to repentance and life but God's kindness and grace?
4. What does this mean: “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (2:20)? What does it mean to “live by faith in the Son of God”? What does it mean that Jesus gave himself up for me and loved me (2:20)? How should our lives look differently from our past life and the world in light of this reality? What is one small way God may be calling you to surrender to let Christ live in you like this verse says?
5. In light of Galatians 2:21, why is Paul so passionately opposed to any other gospel than faith in Jesus? If we were this passionate as a church, as community groups, as families about sharing the gospel of Jesus, how would it impact our neighborhoods, our county, and our world?

Recommended Reading

John Piper, *Counted Righteous in Christ* (Crossway, 2002) Free at desiringgod.org/books/counted-righteous-in-christ
Thomas R. Schreiner, *40 Questions about Christians and Biblical Law* (Kregel, 2010)
Matt Chandler with Jared Wilson, *The Explicit Gospel* (Crossway, 2014)
Trip Lee, *The Good Life* (Moody, 2012)