

A Faith that Moves Mountains

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[Galatians 2:15–21](#) (NLT) “You and I are Jews by birth, not ‘sinners’ like the Gentiles. ¹⁶ Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.” 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. ²¹ I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

Verse 20 (NLT)... 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.

Verse 20 (KJV) 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.

[Galatians 2:16](#) (KJV) Knowing that a man is *not justified by the works of the law*, but by **the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by **the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law *shall no flesh be justified*.

Romans 9:30–32 (NLT) What does all this mean? Even though the Gentiles were not trying to follow God’s standards, they were made right with God. And it was by faith that this took place.
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Galatians 3:2 (NLT) Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.

Galatians 3:5 (NLT) I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

Galatians 3:10 (NLT) But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, “Cursed is *everyone* who does not *observe* and *obey* all the commands that are written in God’s Book of the Law.”

Philippians 3:7–9 (NLT) I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I *no longer* count on my own righteousness *through obeying the law*; rather, I become righteous *through faith in Christ*. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

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³¹ But the people of Israel, who tried so hard to get right with God by keeping the law, *never succeeded*. ³² Why not? Because they were trying to get right with God *by keeping the law instead of by trusting in him*. They stumbled over the great rock in their path. ³³ God warned them of this in the Scriptures when he said, “I am placing a stone in Jerusalem that makes

people stumble, a rock that makes them fall. But anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.”

[Romans 10:1-10](#) (NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. ² I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. ³ For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God *by trying to keep the law*. ⁴ For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who *believe in him* are made right with God. ⁵ For Moses writes that *the law's way* of making a person right with God *requires obedience to all of its commands*. ⁶ But *faith's way* of getting right with God says, “Don't say in your heart, ‘Who will go up to heaven?’ (to bring Christ down to earth). ⁷ And don't say, ‘Who will go down to the place of the dead?’ (to bring Christ back to life again).” ⁸ In fact, it says, “The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart.” And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: ⁹ If you *openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved*. ¹⁰ For it is by *believing in your heart* that you are *made right with God*, and it is by *openly declaring your faith* that you are saved.

[2 Corinthians 12:10](#) (NLT) “... For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

[Romans 10:17](#) says... “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”

[Romans 12:3](#) (KJV 1900) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man *the measure of faith*.