

The indwelling Christ is my life
Galatians 2:15-21

Read Galatians 2:15-21 with your group. Is there something that stands out to you specifically?

Paul has been arguing that the heresy that is threatening to work its way through the church is a mixture of the gospel of grace and adherence to the law of Moses. In Galatians 1:8, he said that if anyone tries to change the gospel they had received, “let them be cursed.” Those are strong words. He reiterates it again here in these verses that no one can be justified by the law. That means that no one can receive their salvation by obeying the law. It also means that no one can keep their salvation by adherence to the law. It is simply through faith in Jesus.

Spend some time dialing into Galatians 2:20. This verse has been a lens through which the Church throughout history has seen Jesus and those who follow Him. It is a focal point of life with Jesus that is often overlooked.

In our time on Sunday, we linked this to a watershed moment; A critical turning point for the church. Early church fathers understood this verse and others like it to describe our “union with Christ.” This was the basis of the Christian life for them. Have you ever heard the phrase? What do you think of when you hear it?

“I have been crucified with Christ. . .” If we are in Christ, we have died with Christ. What’s the significance of this truth for your life? Talk about this with your group. (Peek at Romans 6 for more context)

“I no longer live but Christ lives in me. . .” The indwelling Christ lives in you. If this is true, and it is, how does this truth change your life? Talk about this with your group.

“The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God. . .” I am dependent on Christ. What’s the significance of this truth for your life today?

Is desperate dependence on Jesus a struggle for you? Why or why not?

We usually don’t struggle with the truth that Jesus has saved us and we are new creations. That’s “what” Jesus has done for us. We often struggle with “how” to live that truth out in our lives. The missing link sometimes is believing and living in the truth that the indwelling Christ lives in you and you are united to Him in death and life. That means that you are never alone or left to your own resources. You have the Son of God living in you through His Spirit. That is a fact from Scripture. (John 14:17; 16:7; Romans 6; Col. 1:27)

How does that truth change how we can start and finish our day?

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