



"Two Peoples – One Way" (Part 8)

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Galatians 2:20



15 We [are] Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles. **16** Yet we know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have believed in Christ Jesus so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by 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 were found to be sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be! **18** For if I rebuild what I 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. I have been crucified with Christ— **20** and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. And the life 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 for no purpose.

— Galatians 2:15-21, translated by T. Bartolucci —

I. Essential Elements of the Gospel in Galatians (vv. 15-21)

A. The Universal Nature of Sin (v. 15-16a)

B. Justification Is by Faith Alone (v. 16)

C. The Believer's Union With Christ (vv. 17-20)

1. To be "In Christ" is not to be "In Sin" (17)
2. To be "In Christ" is to have died to sin and the Law (18-19)
3. To be "In Christ" is to have been crucified with Christ (19b-20)
 - Note the difference in verse division in the Greek text as compared to most English Bibles
 - Why does the Law have no further hold upon us?
 - What does it mean that the believer has been crucified with Christ?
 - Spiritual reality is nonetheless reality (the problem with Logical Positivism)
 - The contrast in v. 20 between death and life
 - Back to the Christian's union with Christ (the "normal Christian life")

Two Peoples and Only One Way
Jew or Gentile - there's only one way
to be justified before God.

"We are in mind and meditation to consider Christ crucified and first, we are to believe that he was crucified for us. This being done, we must go yet further, and as it were spread ourselves on the cross of Christ believing and withal beholding ourselves crucified with Him." —Puritan William Perkins, 1558-1602