



The Great Transformation: Christ in You

Galatians 2:18-21

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20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who 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 for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.



Last Week



Galatians 2:16

- yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law **but [is justified]** through faith in Jesus Christ,



**If it is secured or
appropriated by faith why
then are Gentile converts
to Christ being forced to
live like Jews?**



Galatians 2:14

- But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”



Judaizers, a name given to this particular group of Jewish Christians, were insisting that Gentile converts to Christ still had to keep the law of Moses beginning with circumcision and all the ceremonial laws like the Jews who rejected Jesus.

This is the conduct that was not in step with gospel because it clearly taught or implied that Christ had done nothing to change man's relationship to the law of God.

Justified



- to render righteous or such he ought to be
- to show, exhibit, evince, one to be righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be considered
- to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be

Strong's Concordance



Galatians 2:16

- yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but **through faith in Jesus Christ,** **so we also have believed in Christ Jesus,**

**Paul is very upfront about the reason
he believed in Christ.**



**His desire was to be found
righteous before God.**

**Paul knew the law and his personal inability
to obey the law is called sin.**



Galatians 2:16

- yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, **so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ**

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this

**The gospel (the D, B, & R of C!)
is the great news! that any
human being can be declared
completely and permanently
righteous before God through
personal faith in Christ alone.**





This Week

v. 18-21



Galatians 2:18

- For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.



Paul previously kept the Jewish law religiously in order to be found to be righteous before God.

If he goes back to keeping the kosher rules he is 'rebuilding it' or re-establishing its authority to find him guilty.



Galatians 2:19

- For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.



The law revealed to Paul his inability to keep it for eternal life.

Therefore, Paul severed His relationship to the law for righteousness in order to establish a relationship with God unto life.



Turn to

Matthew 19:16–22

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, **“Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”** ¹⁷ And he said to him, **“Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”** ¹⁸ He said to him, **“Which ones?”** And Jesus said, **“You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,**



19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20



The young man said to him, **“All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” 21** Jesus said to him, **“If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22**

When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.



**Do you see what
Jesus was doing
with the RYR?**



Do you see what Jesus was doing with the RYR?

The RYR needed to sever
his relationship to keeping
the law for righteousness.



Galatians 2:20

- I have been crucified with Christ.



This is the strongest statement Paul can make to communicate the degree to which he is relying on the death of Christ for his righteousness.

We say trust, believe, etc.

Ref: Gal 5:24 and Rom 6:2-6



Galatians 5:24

- And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.



Turn to

Romans 6:2-6

How can we who died to sin still



live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus **were baptized into his death?** ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



⁵ For if we have been **united with him in a death like his**, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ **We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing**, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.



It is **NOT** that we do
not sin.

It is that our **SIN**
bothers us because...



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Paul is describing the GREAT TRANSFORMATION



**Paul cannot experience the
second death now because
Christ lives in him.**

**More specifically the Spirit of
Christ lives in him which is the
Holy Spirit.**



Ephesians 3:17

- so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,



Colossians 1:27

- To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**



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**Does Christ live in
you?**

**Does the Spirit of
Christ speak to
you?**



Romans 8:9

- You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**



If Christ lives in me
what realities can I
expect to see
growing in my life?

Reality #1



**The life I live in the flesh is lived
by faith (not by sight) in the Son of
God, (not Baptist fundamentalism, not Calvinism,
not the Pope, not the Virgin Mary, not Joseph Smith,
not Mohammed, not the 1611 KJB, nor anything else)
who is Jesus the Christ.**

In others words, His Person and Work



Person

- Divine—God—the Eternal Son of God
- Human—man—the man Christ Jesus

Work

- Prophet—the perfect revelation of God
- Priest—the one true mediator between God and man—the Lamb of God, God's Savior
- King—the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings



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the flesh **I live by faith**

in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Romans 1:17

- For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “**The righteous shall live by faith.**”



Ephesians 2:8

- For by grace you have been saved **through faith.**

And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God,

- We have faith in a God we have not seen.



- We have faith the Son of God rose from the grave to secure our righteousness.
- We have faith that heaven is our home when we die, yet we have never been there.
- We have faith the Bible is the Word of God in spite of never meeting even one of its authors.
- We have faith God's Holy Spirit lives in us although we can't prove it to you.



Hebrews 11:6

- And **without faith** it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Reality #2



The reality that the Son of God loved me and gave his life for me profoundly impacts every aspect of my life.

Galatians 2:20 part B



Galatians 2:20

- And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself for me.**



John 3:16

- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Reality #3



We love God our Father.

**We have a deep abiding
affection for our Creator,
Savior, and Master.**



John 14:31

- but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that **I love the Father.** Rise, let us go from here.



1 Corinthians 2:9

- But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared **for those who love him**”—



Ask Yourself

Do I love God?

Reality #4



**This love manifests itself in a
desire to do the will of
the Father.**



John 6:38

Jesus said:

- For I have come down from heaven, **not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.**

How do we pray?



Matthew 6:10

We Pray

- **your will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.**

**Most of the time we are the
instruments God uses to
accomplish his will.**

Reality #5



We strive to love our
neighbors, others, and even
the bullies.



Matthew 5:43–45

- “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
⁴⁴ But I say to you, **Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**



We can love someone without liking or endorsing their behavior, choices, values, belief system, etc.

We recognize but by the grace of God we would be a _____.

Reality #5A



**We especially love the
household of God—the
church of Jesus Christ.**



Acts 20:28

- Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**



Ephesians 5:25

- Husbands, love your wives,
**even as Christ also
loved the church,** and
gave himself for it;



Galatians 6:10

- So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.



Reality #6

**We forgive others when
they sin against us.**

How do we pray?



Matthew 6: 12, 14-15

- and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

We live in a FALLEN world.



People are going to BE rude, inconsiderate, mean, hateful...

We will be victims of violence, animosity, prejudice, envy, strife, bullying, etc.

Sinners sin.

And we strive to follow Jesus' example.



Luke 23:34

- And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.



Matthew 5:11

- “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and **utter all kinds of evil against you falsely** on my account.



Ephesians 4:32

- Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, as God in Christ forgave you.

Reality #7



**We continue in the faith—
steadfast and immoveable in
our commitment to our God,
His Son, and the Kingdom.**



1 Corinthians 15:58

- Therefore, my beloved brothers, **be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,** knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



Colossians 1:23

- if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.



Let's Look @ V. 20

One Last Time



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