

GOSPEL

FROM THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

OF FREEDOM

STUDY GUIDE

8. LOVED SINNERS/FORGIVEN FAILURES- GAL. 2:17-21

INTRODUCTION

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EXAMINATION

- Read Galatians 2:17-21- What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?
- What does Paul mean when he said “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me”?
- Read Romans 6:2-6. How does this passage amplify what Paul said in Galatians 2:20?

DISCUSSION

The early church father, Tertullian said, “Just as Christ was crucified between two thieves, so this doctrine of justification is ever crucified between two opposite errors.” Tertullian meant that there were two basic false ways of thinking, each of which “steals” away the power and the distinctiveness of the gospel from us by pulling us away from the center. These two errors are very powerful. They are legalism and lawlessness. Legalism relates to God by establishing it’s own set of rules/morality in order to be accepted by God, and views God as “all holy” and not “loving.” And lawlessness takes the approach that God is “all loving” and “all accepting” and not “holy/just”. How do these two errors actually belittle the true gospel, and lead you away from God into a new form of slavery?

PRAY

- Pray for Calvary SLO that they would grow in understanding the Love of God for them.
- Memorize Galatians 2:20 together.

Galatians 2:20: 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.

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