

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 2

Verses 17-18

- A. The “we” is referring to the Jews. If the law cannot save anyone (including Jews), and Jews must also come to Christ as sinners for justification, is it Christ that made them sinners? Paul declares, “God forbid.”
- B. It is the law that _____ sin and finds us all to be sinners. The law brings the ministration of _____. 2 Corinthians 3:7-9
- C. To build again that law system was simply to make yourself a transgressor, because nobody can _____ the law.

Verse 19

- A. Paul firmly establishes the believer’s _____ to the law. We are dead to the law that we might live unto God.
- B. Here in verse 19, Paul declares that, “*I through the law am dead.*” How did the law execute us and put us to death?
- C. Romans 7:9-11 explains it perfectly.

Verse 20

- A. Paul declares, “*For I am crucified with Christ...*” What does he mean?
- B. When a person by faith accepts Christ as his Savior, the Bible teaches that he actually becomes _____ with Christ. Ephesians 5:30
- C. This means that our history and experience is now wrapped up in His. My identification is now solely _____ in the person and experience of Christ.
- D. Because I am in Christ, God sees me dying _____ Him on the cross. I also died in Him.
- E. Because Christ was buried, I was buried _____ Him. Because Christ rose from the dead and is now alive, I am alive _____ Him!

- F. Because Christ was exalted in the heavenlies, I have been given an _____ position in the heavenlies. Ephesians 2:6
- G. Galatians 2:20 should be read in conjunction with Romans 6.
- Because our old man died in Christ (vs. 6-10), the things of our old life no longer hold any authority over us, namely _____ (vs. 11-13, 17-18, 22) and the _____ (vs. 14, cf. 7:4, 6).
 - Christ is the only One that did not _____ to die under the law's demands, yet He chose to give His _____ for us. Why would He do this? Paul simply says, "*He loved me.*"

Verse 21

- A. This verse is a marvelous conclusion to this chapter. If the _____ can impart life and righteousness to a person, then Christ's death was in _____.
- B. We are left with only two choices. Either:
- We are placed _____ by God's grace through faith in Him, having the righteousness of Christ imparted to us.
 - Or we are left to try to keep a system of rules and laws that nobody has ever been able to keep, and therefore stand condemned, guilty and worthy of _____.
- D. There cannot be a mixture of these two – to do so is to frustrate (neutralize or violate) the _____ of God.
- This is what Peter was doing in verse 12.
 - Through his actions he was proclaiming that the grace of God was not _____, and that the law was also needed.