

# Christ Lives In Me

Galatians 2

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## Two Themes in Galatians:

1. Legalism
2. Multi-ethnic Family of God

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- vv.1-10: Paul's story pt.2
- vv.11-14: The Confrontation
- vv.15-21: Justification

## 2:1-10: Paul's Story pt.2

- Heads to Jerusalem again, 14 years later
- Meet with the leaders (v.2,9): Peter, James, John
- Barnabas: leader in the Early Church, vouched for Paul, "son of encouragement:
- Titus: Greek, not circumcised, diverse

## **2:1-10: Paul's Story pt.2**

- They're all preaching the same gospel (v.2,5,6)
- Paul's calling to preach to the Gentiles, Peter's calling to preach to the Jewish people (v.7)
- Right hand of fellowship to Paul and Barnabas (v.9)
- Remember the poor in Jerusalem (v.10)

## **2:11-14: the Confrontation**

- Peter visits Antioch, regularly eats with Gentiles (non-Jewish people)
- Conservative Jewish people arrive - Peter stops eating with Gentiles
- Issue: table fellowship
- Acts 10: Peter's vision - ok to eat previously forbidden food
- Also forced circumcision

## **2:11-14: the Confrontation**

- v.14 (MSG): I spoke up to Peter in front of them all: "If you, a Jew, live like a non-Jew when you're not being observed by the watchdogs from Jerusalem, what right do you have to require non-Jews to conform to Jewish customs just to make a favorable impression on your old Jerusalem buddies?"

## **2:15-21: Justification**

- *Sola fide*
- Metaphor, like a courtroom, talk our relationship with God

## **2:15-21: Justification**

- All people are sinners, we all fall short
- God forgives us through Jesus Christ - justified through Jesus Christ
- All sin nailed to the cross, it is Christ's work, not ours
- All sin is dealt with by Jesus, not by us, we are justified by Jesus

## **2:15-21: Justification**

- v.16: "...a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified."
- v.21: "if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

## **2:15-21: Justification**

- Paul's life is transformed by Christ: "Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (v.20)
- Cruciform life/faith: cross shaped, Christ shaped life

## **2:15-21: Justification**

- "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (5:1)... "But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "love your neighbour as yourself." (5:13b-14)

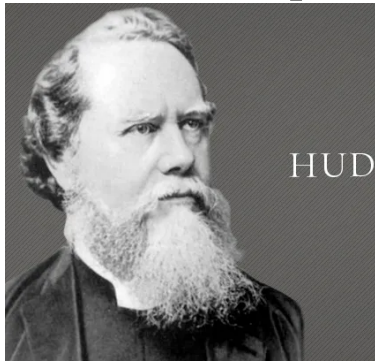
## Takeaways

- Embrace the freedom we have in Jesus Christ and the justification that is provided by his actions alone, by putting our faith in Jesus Christ
- “I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (v.20)

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- Challenge to discern what is following Christ and what is culture
- Christ-followers in different cultures, all over the world
- Keep our eyes on Jesus Christ