

GALATIANS

Chapter 2:15-21

Justification by faith in Christ

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- I. All are justified by faith in christ (v. 15-16)
- II. An objection to justification (v. 17)
- III. An answer to the objection (v. 18-19)
- IV. A life in Christ (v. 20-21)

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 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 and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

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Structuring 101

1. Look for phrases using punctuation
2. Look for transition words
3. Ask questions of phrases and transition words

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YET we know that a person is not justified by the 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 and not by works of the law,

BECAUSE by works of the law no one will be justified.

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We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 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** and not by *works of the law*, because by *works of the law* no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:15-16

JUSTIFICATION

STRONG'S NUMBER: G1344

TRANSLITERATION: dikaioo

PART OF SPEECH: verb

STRONG'S DEFINITION: to render just or innocent

THAYER'S DEFINITION: to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous or such as he ought to be; to declare to be like, liken; to declare worthy, to treat as worthy; to judge, declare, pronounce righteous and therefore acceptable by means of faith

faith

STRONG'S NUMBER: G4102

TRANSLITERATION: pistis

PART OF SPEECH: noun

STRONG'S DEFINITION: persuasion, credence, moral conviction, especially reliance upon Christ for salvation; --assurance, belief, fidelity

THAYER'S DEFINITION: conviction of the truth of anything, belief; of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things... idea of trust and holy fervor born of faith and conjoined with it.

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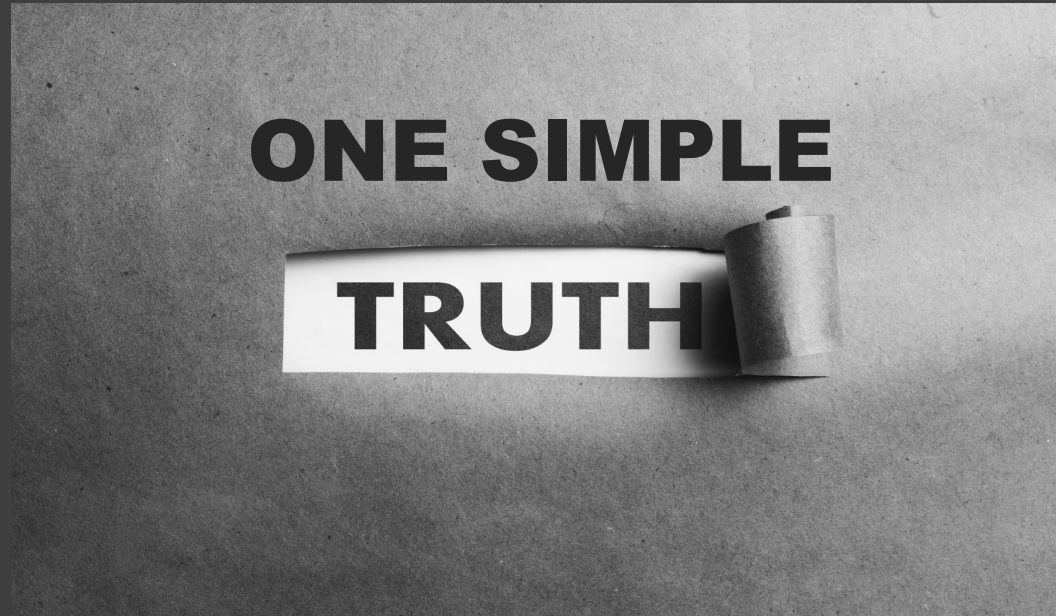
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¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

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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.

Galatians 2:20-21



Faith in Christ is what saves us.

Life Application

1. Am I committed to digging in and living in His Spirit when “it” gets hard?
2. Where in my life am I trying to add to what Christ did on the cross?
3. Do I need to sit more in His grace and then pour it out on others?



