

**Crucified with Christ**

**Galatians 2:17-21**

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Paul anticipates a question about salvation by faith alone:  
**If the law does not justify, are we justified in living \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Much hangs on the answer to this question:**

**Social \_\_\_\_\_ is at stake.**  
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**The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ is at stake.**  
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**Verse 17b – “...is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!”**

The notion that Jesus would be promoting sin by freely forgiving it is preposterous. The answer to the question is found in the transformation that a believer experiences upon justification.

**In verse 19, Paul is not rejecting the law – he’s coming to terms with the fact that the law is rejecting \_\_\_\_\_. (see also Romans 7:9-11)**

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*“To die to the law is to renounce it and to be freed from its dominion, so that we have no confidence in it and it does not ahold us captive under the yoke of slavery.”*  
- John Calvin

Have you contemplated the fact that if you trust in Jesus, He legally took your place on the cross and suffered for your literal sins? What kind of an impact should that make on a person who has been redeemed?

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If you are the same exact person you were before you trusted Jesus Christ, how are you actually *trusting* in Jesus Christ? One who trusts in Jesus Christ is one being \_\_\_\_\_.

**How has God changed you since you trusted in Jesus Christ?**

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**This reality of being crucified with Christ has made it clear to Paul that there are two things he must not do:**

- 1. Paul must not \_\_\_\_\_ again this mindset of working to be saved.

*Verse 18 – For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.*

- 2. Paul must not \_\_\_\_\_ the power of the gospel by adding anything to it.

*Verse 21 – I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.*