

Galatians – Lesson 17

Galatians 2:17-21

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Last week we ended with Paul's explanation that God justified because he *...died to the Law...*>>

<<that he *...died... to the curse that the Law required for disobedience*>>

When and how did you die to the Law>>

In v. 20 Paul makes two statements to explain the *WHEN AND HOW*>>

[1] *I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live but it is Christ Who lives in me and*
[2] *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...*>>

[1] *I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live but it is Christ Who lives in me and...*>>

The *...I...* of this part of v.20 is the *...I...* of Paul's original **position** in Adam>>

<<it is the *...I...* of Paul under the sentence of death>>

Ez. 18:4 *...the soul that sins shall die [Gen. 2:17]...*>>

<<it is the *...I...* of Paul under the authority of sin and Satan>>

<<it is the *...I...* of Paul's complete **inability** to be justified by keeping the Law>>

<<it is the *...I...* of the old creation>>

When Paul says *...I have been crucified with Christ...*, he is saying that this is the *...I...* of his **position** in Adam as a condemned sinner that died in the death of Christ>>

As a result of his death with Christ, God has declared that old Paul in Adam to no longer exist>>

<<so that in the sight of God, Paul is now a Justified man>>

2 Cor 5:17 *...if anyone is [crucified] in Christ, he is a new creation; the old [creation in Adam] has passed away; behold, all things have become new [in Christ]...*>>

When Paul was *...crucified with Christ...*>>

2 Tim 1:9 *...[God] called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus **from all eternity**...*>>**Eph. 1:4**

This means that God accounted Paul as justified before he was born>>

<<not based on anything Paul would do but the result of His *...great love [Eph. 2:4]...*>>

How was Paul justified>>

Rom. 4:25a *...[Jesus] was delivered over [by the will of God-Acts 2:23] **because of** our transgressions and...*>>

This means that God **purposefully** laid our sin upon Jesus [Is. 53:6] so He would bear the full weight of our guilt in Adam>>

1 Peter 2:24 ...He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that **we might die to sin**...>>

At the cross, God declared Jesus to be **guilty of our sin**>>

<<SO THAT **HIS** DEATH TO SIN WAS COUNTED AS OUR DEATH TO SIN>>

Rom. 4:25b ...[Jesus] was raised because of our justification...>>

When Jesus died, He died bearing our sin>>

<<but when He rose, He rose dressed with our justification>>

And because we were ...*crucifer with Christ*..., we were also raised with Him>>

In His death, we died the death of the guilty>>

<<**but** in His resurrection, we rose as the justified>>

In Jesus' resurrection, God declared us to be Righteous in Christ>>

<<to be ...*not guilty of sin*...>>

2 Cor. 5:21 [God] made [Christ] Who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the Righteousness of God in [with] Him...>>

When Paul says ...*I have been crucified with Christ*..., he is saying>>

<<that his justification was the result of his **position** in Christ, not his **practice**>>

Because Paul was ...*crucified with Christ*..., Paul can say>>

...*it is no longer I who live*...>>

The ...*I*... of Paul's old nature died with Christ>>

And because Jesus rose, Paul can say>>

<<...*it is Christ Who lives in me*...>>

Jesus Himself now lives in us by the Gift of the Holy Spirit>>

Eph. 1:13 ...you were sealed in [Christ] with the Holy Spirit of promise...>>

Now that Paul has explained the result of his justification>>

<<he explains how he lives the life of a justified man>>

[2] *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*...>>

This ...*I*... is the new Paul in Christ who will live by the SAME gift of faith with which he received God's gift of ...*eternal Life*... [**Rom. 6:23**]>>

In **ch. 5-6**, Paul will explain what this life of ...*faith in the Son of God*... looks like>>