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Christ Lives in Me

2:17-21

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Point #1: Life in Christ is not a lawless life.



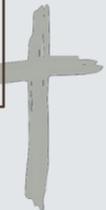
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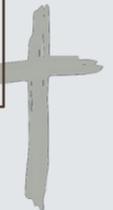


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SANCTIFYING GRACE is the undeserved favor, free gift of God that enables me to die to sin and live righteously day by day.

I am being saved daily!

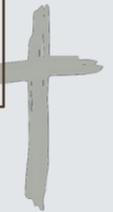


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By faith in Jesus Christ **justifying grace** declares us righteous and then by the work of the Word and the Holy Spirit **sanctifying grace** helps us reflect His righteousness.



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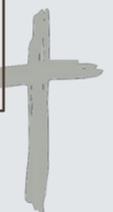
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Galatians 2:18 For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

Point #2: Jewish Christians had lost their identity in the law. Their new identity was in Christ. And they were not to go back.

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”—



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Galatians 2:19 For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.

Point #3: Jewish Christians found their life in Christ as they died to the law.



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Point #4: Jewish Christians were crucified with Christ, were no longer living for themselves, had Christ living in them and lived by faith in the Son of God.



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Point #5: Don't miss the great grace of God because if righteousness comes through observing the law then Christ died for nothing.





PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. Understand what it means to move from a state of guilt to a status of acceptance by God through the merit of Christ's death.
2. Go deeper & deeper into the Word to explore the biblical meaning of faith.
3. Rehearse, apply & **share a clear, complete & true gospel.**
4. Use the gospel/grace to its fullest capacity in your life & in others' lives.

