



# Paul's Letter to the Galatians

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## Day 6 Galatians 2:17-21

### **Who do you live for?**

*Read Romans 3:9-25.* What are all humans under? Make a list of the 4 things “no one” does. What is the conclusion of this train of thought in verse 18? According to verse 21, what is manifested apart from the law? According to verse 22, this comes through what? What have all done, according to verse 23 (2 things)? What gift has been given to all, according to verse 24? What was this through? Look up the word “propitiation.” How does Paul apply this word in verse 25? (If your translation does not use the word “propitiation”, look up this passage on Biblegateway.com under the ESV version.) Why did God do this, according to verse 25?

*Read Romans 6:4-14.* What does baptism point to? Why was our old self crucified with Him? What comfort can we find in verses 8-9 regarding Christ's sacrifice and our following after, aligning ourselves with Him? What must we consider ourselves, according to verse 11? What should not be the master of your mortal body? What should we present ourselves to God as? What will no longer have rule over us? Extra credit question (just kidding; you're not being graded): If we are in Christ and dead to sin, and sin no longer has mastery over us because we have His grace, should our lives be characterized by an attitude of “grace is mine, so I can do no wrong”? Why or why not?

*Read Romans 6:17-19.* What were you and I once slaves to? What freed us from that slavery? According to verse 19, lawlessness: lawlessness as righteousness: \_\_\_\_\_?

*Read Ephesians 2:1-8.* What is the life of this world characterized by/described as? What “impact” occurs to move us from this life to one of faith? Is this an internal impact (from our own ability), or an external impact (from outside of us)? In verses 4-8, what do the following adjectives describe: merciful, great love, and grace in kindness. In verse 4, who was dead? Who was made alive? Was this an internal or external cause? Who was raised up? Who was seated in the heavenly places? Is our salvation based on our own doing? Why or why not?

Spend some time today memorizing verse 20. As you spend time with God today, consider how the above verses apply to you, personally. Ask Him to help you to see how you are not righteous and how you have fallen short. As you recall ways that you have sinned, if you haven't repented of them, repent of those sins and be forgiven. Then praise your heavenly Father for the forgiveness He freely offers to you, by His grace, not because you deserve it or could earn it. Thank Him for saving you, and admit that you couldn't save yourself. Ask yourself if you are still relying on your own merits (actions, qualities, etc) to save yourself. If you are? Repent of that prideful heart, and, again, praise God that He did send His Son to die for you, admitting that you need Him every day. When you truly realize the depth of the depravity from which you have been saved, you'll grasp how marvelous it is to see how wretched you are, because you will see, all the more clearly, the mercy and grace of a holy and just God in counting your debt paid by the blood of His Son.