

The Epistle To The Galatians¹

Dead to Law But Living to God (**Gal.2:19**) - A Continuation of the Truth of the Gospel

1. Living to God by the Organic Union With Him

- a. We have already died to law so we can live in Him (**Gal.2:19, 3:11, 2:20, 6:15**)
- b. We are grafted into and abiding in Christ (**Rom.11:17-24, John 15:1, 5**)
 - 1) Our life is not an exchanged life-His life for our life
 - 2) Ours is a grafted life-a human life grafted into Christ's life
 - 3) We no longer live by ourselves but by Christ
- c. Grafting is characterized by cutting and joining
 - 1) In the death of Christ our old life was cut off
 - 2) In His resurrection, we were united to Him for further growth
 - 3) Death in Christ causes us to die to the Law and to everything else that is not God, even to the world, especially the religious world (**Gal.6:13-14**)
 - 4) Because of grafting, Christ's experience is our history

2. By Faith in Christ

- a. This faith is born out of our appreciation for our lovely and lovable Christ (**Gal.2:20c**)
- b. As we sense His preciousness, our faith is strengthened and we sense that we are cut away from sin, world, flesh and religion
- c. As this faith is strengthened, we can have life by and live in faith. (**Gal.3:11**)
- d. Faith is not a mere realization that there is a God.
 - 1) Demons know there is a God. (**James 2:19**)
 - 2) We don't need faith to realize there is a God, the universe testifies that He exists (**Rom.1:19-21**)
 - 3) Faith is not a supplement to our self-will, i.e., now that we have faith and certainty that God is on our side we can proceed in our

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own strength to carry out the Christian life through the inspiration produced by our faith.

4) Faith is for receiving what God is, in His life and nature (**John 1:12**)

e. To increase faith in Christ, increase appreciation for Him (**Gal.2:20c, Acts 7:2a, Rom.8:37, Eph.5:25, 2Cor.5:14, Heb12:2, Phil.3:7--10**)

3. Living To Our Own Laws

a. Even though we are free from obligation to the Law of Moses, few of us really live to God.

1) Instead, we live to our own laws.

2) Living by our own laws leads us to condemn others who don't meet the standards of our laws

b. Having our own laws indicates an inadequate love for Christ and a shortness in our appreciation for the Lord.

1) The more we appreciate Him, however, the more we are cut away from all these self-create and self-imposed laws that divide us from each other.

2) The more cutting, the more joining can be experienced.

4. Living in the Organic Union

a. "I through Law have died to Law." (**Gal.2:19**)

1) The law requires that we sinners pay for our sins by our death.

2) Christ paid that price on our behalf by dying for us and with us.

3) Now we are not obligated to the Law, (**Rom.7:6, Gal.3:3**), but we are obligated to God, to live by Him (**Rom.6:4, 18-19, 22**)

b. As long as we live to any kind of law (Mosaic or self-made) we cannot live to God.

c. We live to God with Christ (**Rom.6:8, 10**) and through the Spirit (**Gal.5:16, 25**)