

THE EPISTLE *of* PAUL THE APOSTLE to THE GALATIANS

CHAPTER 2:20-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Will the Real You Please Stand Up”

THE THEME OF BOOK:

IS IN FACT A QUESTION:

HOW CAN WE (WHO ARE SINFUL BY NATURE) , COME TO GOD (WHO IS
HOLY BY NATURE)

WHEN MY SINS HAVE SEPARATED ME FROM GOD AND EVEN DOMINATE MY
LIFE?

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Galatians 2:20-21

The Summation Sentence

Many years ago growing up, I mean, just a couple of years ago, there was a television program called “**TO TELL THE TRUTH**”. It was a game show where there were four participants ascribed as an expert on the featured topic. The other three people were impostors who had but one motive, that was to deceive you into thinking that they were the expert and not the other guy. The

crowd would cast their vote and then the announcer would say "Will the Real Jack Please Stand Up" and sometimes the real Jack was the last guy on the planet that you would have picked as the real Jack

"TO TELL THE TRUTH"

Jesus Said:

John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live. "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die..."

The Apostle Paul Said:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

God Said:

Ezekiel 36:25-27

"*A time will come when... I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and you will do them. – because we can now through him!*

A Divine Work,

meaning that God has initiated it.

An Everlasting Work,

meaning once God has begun a work, he will be the one who completes that work.

A Factual Work,

meaning that if God is at work, it will be obvious to all

A Sure Work,

meaning that God will never give up

All That God Has Provided in the Act of Salvation, Is Found in and Through Jesus Christ Alone

Salvation is by **Grace, Through Faith Alone,
Plus Nothing!**

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; for it is the gift of God, 9 it is not of works, lest anyone should boast.

We've Already Looked at Verses 11-19

1.) *It exposes man's weaknesses* vv. 11-13

Rather Than Leaving Man Weak and Helpless

2.) *It gives opportunity to correct* vv. 14-16

And Correction Brings Hope

3.) *It stands in defense of the truth* vv. 17-19

TO TELL THE TRUTH THE TRUTH IS - CHRISTIANITY

4.) *Declares our freedom* vv. 20-21

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

a.) *Freedom from past sins* vv. 20a

"I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live**"

I have been crucified with Christ

* **have been**

grk meaning that at a certain moment. At a period of time. "It happened when"

(In The Negative Sense)

There was a Day in History - when I Died

Positionally

On The Day, The Hour, The Moment Jesus Died
Was the Day that the Sinful Jack Died too

The Day Jesus Christ Died – In Death – I Died Also!

Romans 6:1-9

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.
Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Verse 20a

(In The Positive Sense)

it is no longer I who live

Practically

This is Now the Day - When I Live

The Day Jesus Christ Rose from the Dead
- Alive - I Live Also!

Past Sins Brought Death to Us

Romans 7:7-10

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.

The Old Testament Law

Was designed to show us two (2) Things:
#1 God's Absolute Perfection. #2 Our Absolute Sinfulness
(our weakness, inability, insecurity)

Romans 3:20-22

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

Galatians 2:19

"For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

THE TRUTH IS

Our Old Life is Dead in the Death of Jesus.

I've Never Seen a Dead Man Sinning

A dead man can't sin anymore

THE LAW HAS NO POWER OVER A DEAD MAN

Romans 7:1-4

Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? 2 For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. 4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another-- to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

**We were once married to the law - it died
Now we're married to Jesus Christ - freed from
the law**

b.) Freedom from the sins of - today

vv. 20b

...but Christ lives in me; and the life **which I now live** in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Verse 20b

...but Christ lives in me;

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live
(**new life resurrection life**), but Christ lives (**new life resurrection life**), in me; and
the life (**new life resurrection life**), which I now live (**new life resurrection life**), in the
flesh I live (**new life resurrection life**), by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and
gave Himself for me.

By the Power of the Holy Spirit,
Christ Lives in Me

This is a “Now”, and “Active” Reality

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

John 14:16-18

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with
you forever-- "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither
sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

2 Corinthians 8:7

But as you abound in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and
in your love for us-- see that you abound
in this grace also.

* Abound 4052 perisseuo (per-is-syoo'-o);

to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, to overflow the
banks. **Over the banks of Grace** Superabounding in Grace, Grace in
Excess, Grace Superabounding in Quality and Quantity

Practically

I now live

Positionally

I live by faith

What is it – to live by faith?

It is to Enter into What God says – “Is”
This is What it “Is” - It is to Stand upon what the
Truth says

Romans 6:10-11

For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

and the life which I now live I live by faith

Today, Here and Now, Now, Today

Habakkuk 2:4

...the just shall live by his faith.

The Just
Christ Lives **in Me...**

Shall Live
the life which I **now live** in the flesh

By Faith
The life which I now live flesh I live **by faith** in the Son of God

The Book of Galatians Teaches Us That;

The Just
Christ Lives in **Me...**

The Book of Romans Teaches Us That;

Shall Live
the life which I **now live** in the flesh

The Book of Hebrews Teaches Us That;

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Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

I was crucified on the day Jesus was crucified – Once and for All. No One Recovers or Survives Crucifixion
My Identity was terminated at the Cross

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made you alive together with Christ, having forgiven you all your trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken our sins out of the way, having nailed them to the cross.

This is My Guarantee

“Him who loved me – not as though he ever stopped,
but He loved me when I needed His Love the Most”.

Romans 5:8-10

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

"I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

* set aside grk 114 *atheteo* (ath-et-eh'-o);

to devalue, to neutralize or to violate the purpose.
To frustrate, bring to naught, to reject.

for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

If You Can Enter Heaven By Being Good,
Then Jesus Wasted His Life on The Cross

Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our sins from us.

Can You Say That Today?

- *why not?*

**The Ultimate Finale to Our Redemption
Will be the Full Inheritance of Our New Nature – sinless!**

Hebrews 7:25-26

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

To My Dear Catholic Friends

Jesus is My Holy Priest, He's Harmless, Undefiled, He's not a Sinner

**He is able to save to the uttermost
those who come to God through Him**

1 Timothy 2:3-5

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
#1 - who desires all men to be saved and #2 - to come to the knowledge of the truth.
For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 10:10-12 amplified version

10 for by the will of God, we have been sanctified through the sacrificial offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 unlike earthly priests who stand ministering daily, offering over and over again the same sacrifices, which can never take away anyone's sins. 12 But this Man, Jesus Christ, after He had offered up Himself as a once and for all sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

When You Make a Deposit with God,
How Safe is that Deposit ?

TO TELL THE TRUTH – MY FRIEND

“Will the Real You Please Stand Up”

The you - who desires to start life all over again.
The you - who would like to have God forgive you of all your sins.
The you - who really wants to become a child of God.

Luke 18:17

Of a truth - I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, will by no means enter it."

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