

By Faith Alone: Accepted, Free, & Alive

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GALATIANS 2:15-21

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And 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. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

I. By faith alone, we are _____
by _____.

II. By faith alone, we are _____ from
the _____.

III. By faith alone, we are _____ in

Discussion Questions:

1. In your opinion, what is the best Saturday Morning Cartoon of all time?
2. Where do you notice the tendencies toward legalism or hypocrisy creeping into your life with God and one another?
3. How would you describe the idea of "justification by faith alone" in simple terms to someone unfamiliar with the Christian faith?
4. How does understanding "justification by faith alone" impact the way you see your relationship with God?
5. How can a firm understanding of justification help us respond to false teachings or beliefs that would add anything to the Gospel?
6. What does it mean to be "crucified with Christ" and how does this change how you approach daily life?
7. In your own words, share what Galatians 2:20 personally means to you.

Next Week: Galatians 3:1-9