

“I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD”

(Galatians 2:20b-21)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL

A. PAUL’S INTRODUCTION (1:1-5)

B. The Galatians DESERTION from the True Gospel. (1:6-10)

C. Paul’s HISTORICAL DEFENSE of the Divine Origin of the True Gospel (1:11-24)

D. Paul’s DEFENSE for the TRUTH of the Gospel at Jerusalem and Antioch (2:1-14)

E. Paul’s EXPLANATION of JUSTIFICATION by faith (2:15-21)

1. The IDENTIFICATION of your Christian Life... *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live...”*

2. The POWER of your Christian Life... *“it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...”*

3. The MANNER of your Christian Life... *“and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,”*
 - a. Your Christian Life from day to day is to be lived in the confines of a _____.

 - * What is true in light of this reality?

 - b. Your Christian Life from moment by moment is to be lived in the same way that you were justified (2:16), which is simply _____.

 - * What does it mean to *“live by faith”*?

 - * What 5 elements do you need to grow in faith?

 - c. Your Christian Life is to be lived by faith which has its object as the _____.

* Who or what are you depending on in your Christian Life?

4. The MOTIVATION of your Christian Life... “the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

a. The Son of God... “who _____ me...”

b. The Son of God who... “_____ for me.”

* What is interesting about the word order in the Greek?

5. The conclusion for justification and sanctification by grace through faith (2:21)

a. The heresy of the Judaizers discredited the divine program for redemption several ways...

(1) If man could earn salvation than naturally God would be obligated to give him what he _____; but the essence of grace is that God gives man what he _____
_____ deserve.

(2) This "merit mentality" would frustrate, nullify or _____ the _____
of God, because justification by works and justification by faith are diametrically
_____ to each other.

(3) If man could gain the righteousness of God by _____, than this would
devalue the finished work of Christ on the cross, making His death completely
_____.

* What did Jesus mean when He cried out, "It is finished"?

* How does this apply to you?