

Christ Lives in Me

Galatians 2:11-21

- I. Living to please people – We can fall into the trap of trying to please others based on non-biblical *external* behavior (Galatians 2:11-14).
 - A. Paul confronted Peter for giving in to the pressure of some Jews about avoiding gentile Christians (2:11-13).
 - B. Peter hypocritically communicated that “good” Christians must conform to non-biblical expectations of others (2:14).
- II. Living by faith to please God – The life of spiritual freedom comes as we depend on Christ for *internal* power to please God (Galatians 2:15-16; 19-20).
 - A. We are saved by faith in Christ, not works – depending upon Christ to save us (2:15-16).
 - B. We must learn to grow by faith in Christ, not works – depending on Christ’s power to transform us from within because he lives in us (2:19-20).
 - *As a believer, I am no longer condemned for my sin for one reason...That I might live for God (2:19)*

How We Grow Spiritually (Galatians 2:20)

1. *Crucified with Christ* – We must realize as believers that in our new status we are no longer under sin’s *penalty* or *power* (Romans 6:6).
2. *No longer I...Christ lives in me* – We can grow in true righteousness from within because God’s life has been imparted to us (Galatians 6:15; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
3. *The life I live... I live by faith in the Son of God* – We learn to discern and do what is right by continually depending on Christ’s indwelling power (not by responding to false guilt or the expectations of others).