

“What Is Christian Freedom?” (Part 3) — I Live By faith In The Son Of God  
Galatians 2:15-21 (v.20)

*Those whom God effectually calleth, He also freely justifieth, not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone . . . Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness, is the only instrument of justification. Yet it [faith] is not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces and is not dead faith, but worketh by love.*  
(Westminster Confession)

- An Overview of the text:
  - Whether you are a Jew or a Gentile “sinner” the only way to have right standing with God is by faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26-27). The purpose of the law was to make us aware of our need for a Savior, not to be our savior. *“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”* (Romans 3:20)
  - If we are saved by the keeping of the law, then Christ is a servant of sin because He lied about the means of salvation (John 3:16). If we are saved by keeping the law then Paul and the Apostles are ministers of sin by preaching grace (Galatians 2:18-19). If we are saved by keeping the law, we don't need grace and Christ died for no reason (Galatians 2:21).
- Galatians 2:20:
  - What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? (Romans 6:1-14)
    - 1) My old self was crucified with Christ, I am united with Him, I am identified by Him by walking in “a newness of life” (Romans 6:1-6). 2) I am no longer a slave to sin's power and consequences (Romans 6:6-7). 3) I am not under the power of the Law, I'm under the power of grace (Romans 6:14). *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - What does it mean that as a Christian Christ lives in me? (Romans 6:1-13; 8:1-17)
    - 1) I am free from the law of sin and death, it has no dominion over me. I am no longer a slave to sin. There is no condemnation (Romans 6:17; 8:1-3). 2) I now belong to Christ and joyfully submit to His will (Romans 8:4,9,12-13). 3) The Holy Spirit lives in me and is the source of my new thinking and acting (Romans 8:6,10-11). 4) I have been set free from living for myself, which is death....*“and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.”* (2 Corinthians 5:15)
  - What does it mean to live by faith in the Son of God?
    - 1) It means that the Christian life from beginning to end is choosing to believe God over and over again (Romans 1:17). 2) Saving faith is a faith that shows itself by obedience to God, or that faith is action (James 2:17-19). 3) Saving faith leads to a life that pleases God (Hebrews 11:6). 4) I'm free from having to trust or have faith in myself. God has given me His Word (Psalm 119:105), His Spirit (Romans 8:14), Elders (1 Peter 5:1-5), and brothers and sisters in Christ (Titus 2:1-10), to help guide me in obedience to Him.
  - How amazing is it that Christ loved me and gave Himself for me?
    - *“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we now have been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God”* (Romans 5:8-9). *“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to*

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**Worship:** Rock Of Ages — The Modern Post  
In Tenderness — The Sing Team

**Christ The Solid Rock — Norton Hall Band**  
**Closing Song:** God Is For Us — CityAlight

**Service Times:** Sundays: Pneumatology Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;  
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

*be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:10-11). “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:4-5).*

- Closing thoughts:
  - Striving for holiness, without joy flowing from God’s love towards us creates **LEGALISTS**. Striving to have joy flowing from God’s love without holiness will create **LIBERTINES**. **CHRISTIANITY** is striving for holiness with a joy that flows from God’s love, for God’s glory. We need to, by faith, believe in a joyful pursuit of Christlikeness because it was the **JOY** set before Christ that gave us the offer of salvation (Hebrews 12:2). It is our **JOY** to receive salvation (Romans 5:1-2, 11), and it is Christ’s **JOY** in us that grows us in salvation (John 15:1-11).

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→**Prayer Points for Day of Prayer (Wednesday, October 26th):**

- Pray for wisdom and steadfastness for our Elders and Deacons as they lead and serve the church body. (1 Corinthians 15:58; James 1:5)
- Pray that as a church body we would have the boldness to speak God’s Word to the people in our lives and that we will have eyes to see the opportunities God gives us to do so. Pray that our burden for evangelism would grow. (Colossians 4:2-4)
- Pray that as a church body we would strive to increasingly love God with all our hearts, and souls, and minds, and strength. (Mark 12:30)
- Pray that as a church body we would grow in our love for one another, in our humility, gentleness, patience, and unity. (John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 3:12-17)

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**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of October we are collecting monetary donations for our move into the new building in November. These donations are to cover any of the seen and unforeseen expenses we will have in getting the building ready for us to move into. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the building/moving fund.

★**CLEANING DAYS AND MOVING DAY:** The cleaning days for the new building are **THIS** Friday, October 28th, from 1-6pm and **THIS** Saturday, October 29th from 10am until we are finished. If you are able to help with cleaning on one or both of those days, please let Krystal know. Our moving day is scheduled for **NEXT** Sunday, October 30th, following the worship service. Please make plans to stay after the service to help with the move! There will be pizza provided for dinner for the moving crew that night!

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** Our monthly day of prayer as a church body will be **THIS WEDNESDAY**, October 26th. We ask that you set aside specific time on this day to pray for the leaders and the ministries of our church body. There are specific prayer points listed above.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner **TONIGHT** immediately following the worship service. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!