

A study through the book of Galatians

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The Gospel

Galatians 2 (ESV)

15 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!

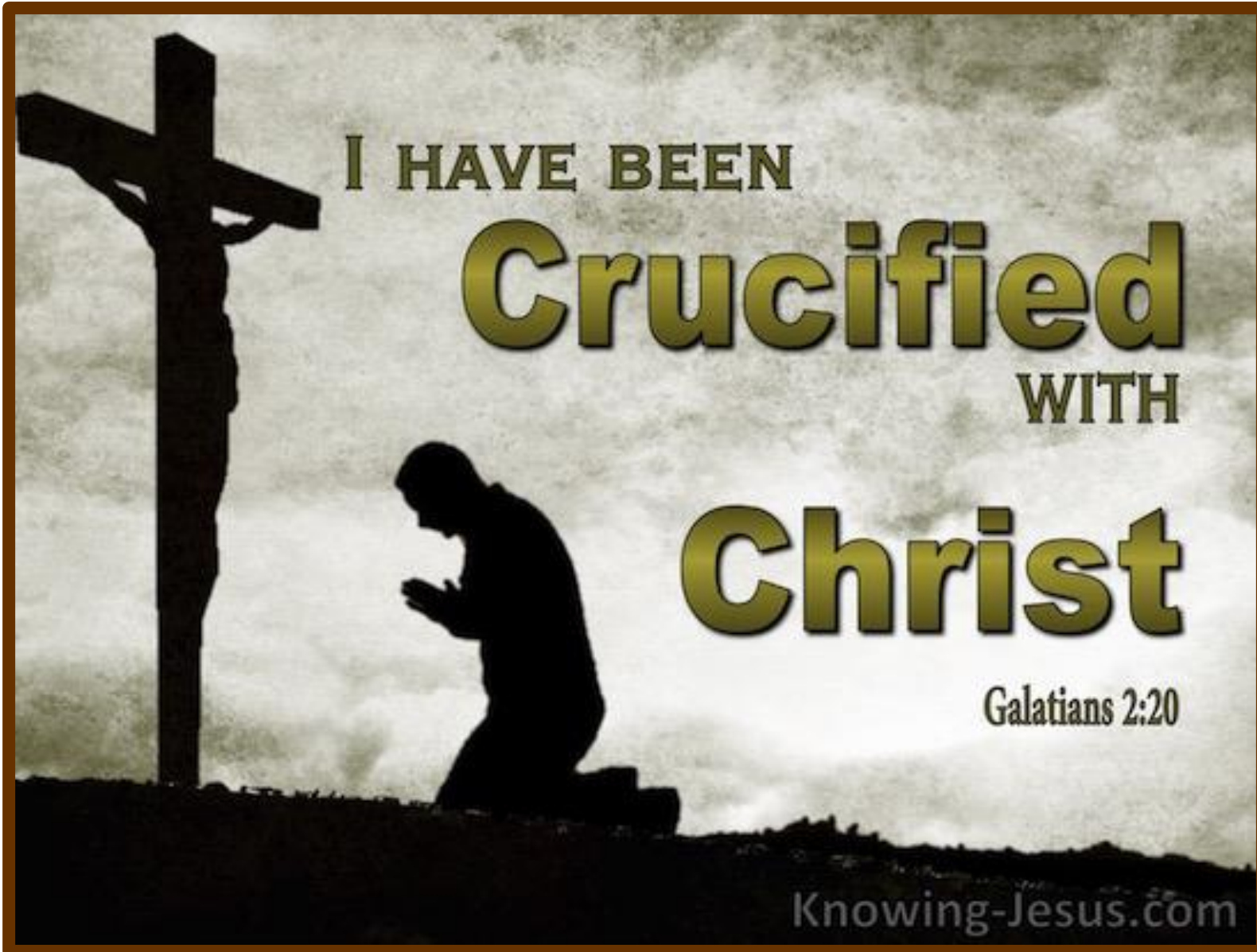
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18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the 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.

The GOSPEL &
Justification
by Faith

Justification by Faith

- We are all sinners – Unrighteous
- Gospel – Saved by faith in Jesus (object of faith – chair example) & nothing else
- All our deeds are “filthy rags”
- Actions (Law) & thoughts (Sermon on the Mount) can be sinful
- “Just as I had never sinned” - Grace
- Crucified with Christ



I HAVE BEEN

Crucified

WITH

Christ

Galatians 2:20

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Crucified with Christ

- Nailed to the cross
 - Sign - “King of the Jews” in 3 languages
 - Son of God - Lamb of God took away the sin of all people
 - Curse of sin - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us
- You
 - You don't have to do the things we use to do
 - You are not the person you use to be
 - The old you is dead



OUR
RIGHTEOUSNESS
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Matthew 5:20

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Our Righteousness is in Christ

- Righteousness – Right (deep) relationship with God
- Imputed (credited) to believers – Not imparted (learned)
- Saved people go to heaven
- There are no “good” people
 - What is good? - Perfection
 - How are we doing?
 - Who is the judge? - God

Questions

- In what ways does the concept of justification by faith challenge traditional religious beliefs that emphasize human effort & merit for salvation?
- How does being "crucified with Christ" change our perspective on living for ourselves versus living for God & His purposes?
- How does the truth that our righteousness is found in Christ alone affect our attitudes & behaviors as believers, in terms of pride, self-righteousness & legalism?

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