

Freed “Freed Through Faith”

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Galatians 2:1-21 (ESV)

"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." Galatians 2:20



Only through faith in Christ are we accepted before God and alive in Him.

How to know being freed by grace through faith...

1. The Gospel Confirmed. (vv. 1–10)

"But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek." (v.3)

"to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you." (v. 5)

"and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised." (v. 9)

2. The Gospel Compromised. (vv. 11–14)

"But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned." (v. 11)

"But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" (v. 14)

3. The Gospel Clarified. (vv. 15–21)

• Thought Faith in Christ, we are accepted before God. (15-16)

"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." (vv.15-16)

Justification is the gracious act of God by which God declares a Sinner righteous solely through faith in Jesus Christ.

- **Justification is the gracious act of God.**

"Lord, hear my prayer. In your faithfulness listen to my plea, and in your righteousness answer me. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one alive is righteous in your sight." Galatians 2: 2

- **Justification is a gracious act of God by which God declares.**

"Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

- **Justification makes a guilty sinner, righteous.**
- **Justification is solely through faith in Jesus Christ.**

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5: 21 (NASB)

- **Though Faith in Christ, we are alive to God. (18-21)**

"For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God." Galatians 2:18-19

"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." (v. 20)

"I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose." (v. 21)

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