

Galatians 2:16-21 Things Destroyed

1. Review • Galatians 2

- a. Both the remnant of Israel and the body of Christ are people in the Lord. (Eph 1:10)
- b. These two are not enemies, however it was necessary for Paul to update them. (Gal 2:2)
- c. Paul was shown to have the last commandments of the Lord. (Gal 2:6-9)
- d. Peter was to blame for causing dissimulation, against the truth of the gospel. (Gal 2:14)
 - i. Remnant Jews with Peter separated from Gentiles, evidently causing Jews in the body of Christ to separate as well. (Gal 2:11-13)
 - ii. There is no Jew nor Greek in the body of Christ. Nor should there be division among God's people. (Gal 3:28)
- e. "We who are Jews by nature" - Paul addressing Jews by nature, he includes himself.
- f. Justification does not come by the works of the law. (Rom 3:20, Rom 4:5)
 - i. Old Testament: The **just** shall live by **faith**. (Hab 2:4)
[Faith in the Lord. Salvation via covenants. Must do law.]
 - ii. New Testament: The **just** shall live by **faith**. (Heb 10:38)
[Faith in the name of Christ. Salvation via covenants. Must do law.]
 - iii. Mystery: The **just** shall live by **faith**. (Rom 1:16-17)
[Faith in Christ and His work. Salvation freely by grace. Dead to the law.]

2. The things destroyed • Galatians 2:17-19

- a. The topic: justification is not by the works of the law. (See also: Gal 3:2)
- b. Does preaching justification by Christ promote sin? (Rom 6:1)
 - i. God forbid. Why? Our gospel preaches that we are dead to sin. (Gal 2:17, Rom 6:2)
 - ii. Some accused Paul of teaching that sin glorifies God. They'll accuse you too. (Rom 3:8)
- c. Building *things* again - reckon the old man dead! (Eph 4:22, 2 Cor 5:17)
 - i. What was destroyed? The body of sin. (Rom 6:6)
 - ii. What was nailed to the cross? The law of ordinances. (Col 2:14)
 - iii. What was torn down? The middle wall of partition. (Eph 2:14-15)
- d. Transgressor? Where no law is, there is no transgression. (Rom 4:15)
- e. How would one become dead to the law? Be crucified with Christ. (Gal 2:20)

3. Crucified with Christ • Galatians 2:20

- a. When we believe what Christ has done His death becomes ours, His life becomes ours. (Col 2:11-12, 3:3-4, Rom 6:11)
- b. Yet not I... "Christ liveth in me". Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col 1:27)
- c. How is Christ in us? By faith. (Eph 3:17, Phil 3:6-9)
- d. How we live: "By the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Col 2:5-6, 2 Cor 4:10-11, 5:7, 14-15, 6:1)
- e. We do not live by the law. Do not frustrate the grace of God. (Rom 8:15)

4. Do not frustrate the grace of God • Galatians 2:21

- a. Frustrate: to render of no effect, nullify
- b. Vain: Empty; worthless; having no substance, value or importance.
- c. To “build again” things that have been taken out of the way is to make God’s grace of “no effect”. (Gal 5:4, 1 Cor 1:17)
- d. The Galatians have departed from the gospel of the grace of God. (Gal 1:6)
- e. Righteousness does not come by the law. (Gal 3:21, Rom 4:5)
- f. When we depart from the truth of the gospel, we walk in the vanity of our minds. (Eph 4:17)
- g. Do not frustrate the grace of God, do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. (Eph 4:30)