

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

(Galatians 2:18-21)

DON'T GO BACK (18)

Position of “Law-keeper” = transgressor (condemnation)

Believer’s position in Christ = forgiven (justification)

DEAD TO THE LAW THROUGH THE LAW (19)

Fact 1: Christ fulfilled OT Law through His death.

Fact 2: By faith, we are “in Christ”.

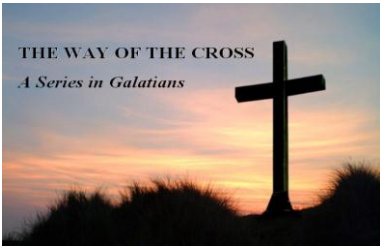
Result: Through the body of Christ we died to the Law and have been raised up with Him into new life
(*Romans 7:1-6*).

THE NEW LIFE OF THE BELIEVER (20)

- Having been crucified with Christ, we no longer live as slaves of sin (*Rom 6:5-7; Col 3:2; 2 Cor 5:17*).
- Christ now lives in us and through us (*Col 1:27*).
- We no longer live the old way (trusting self), but pursue Christ and live by faith in Him (*Eph 4:17-24; Php 3:3,8*).

DON'T SET ASIDE GOD'S GRACE (21)

If we say we trust in Christ and then try to keep “rules” in order to be righteous, we are setting aside Christ and not accepting what God has given us freely.



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APPLICATION

Everyone who believes there is a God wants to be accepted by Him and not condemned. As one who naturally does things that are displeasing to God, this presents a problem – How can I be forgiven?

Question 1: What are you relying on for your forgiveness? Do you wholly rely on Jesus Christ as the only way to be accepted by God, or do you think some of your effort is required to maintain a good standing before God?

God's plan is for us to be like Jesus Christ and grow in His righteousness (*Romans 8:28-29*). How does this happen?

Question 2: How do you approach holiness? Do you try to become the person God wants you to be by keeping rules and regulations in your own strength? Is this possible? What do the scriptures mean when they say, "*the just shall live by faith*"? (*Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38*)

"For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God"
(Colossians 3:2)