



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

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Less Is More

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Read/Reflect

1. Read Galatians 2:17-21 twice over. What, for you, are some of the perplexing phrases or words that Paul seems to use so easily?

<input type="checkbox"/> “justified in Christ”	<input type="checkbox"/> “Christ lives in me”
<input type="checkbox"/> “lawbreaker”	<input type="checkbox"/> “the grace of God”
<input type="checkbox"/> “I died to the law”	<input type="checkbox"/> “righteousness”
<input type="checkbox"/> “I have been crucified with Christ”	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2. For help grasping Paul’s argument look up the passage in The Message [here](#).

Explore

3. What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? (see Galatians 5:24; Proverbs 28:26)
4. How do you “deny yourself” and encourage or foster “Christ living in me?”
5. Where in your life are the stumbling blocks for letting Christ live in you?

<input type="checkbox"/> Over-valuing performance, the self-made person, my own accomplishment
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepting the undeserved grace of God
<input type="checkbox"/> Judging others while accepting God’s grace for myself
<input type="checkbox"/> Not trusting that faith in Jesus is enough
<input type="checkbox"/> Adding to faith certain behaviors to prove my righteousness
6. What does “God’s grace” mean to you as you seek to live your life as a Christ follower? How does that impact your definition of being a Christian, and your expectations towards yourself and others?
7. What is “righteousness” for the Jews of Paul’s time? For Paul? For you?
8. Do you believe that Christ’s death really is a benefit to you? In what ways?

Pray

- Pray that Christ may dwell more fully in you.
- Hold tenderly in prayer the times in our life where we do feel “being crucified with Christ” – that is, the suffering and hardship that we endure, that we may also reap the benefit of Christ’s life even when we experience them.