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Freedom To Live For Christ Galatians 2:11-21 By Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

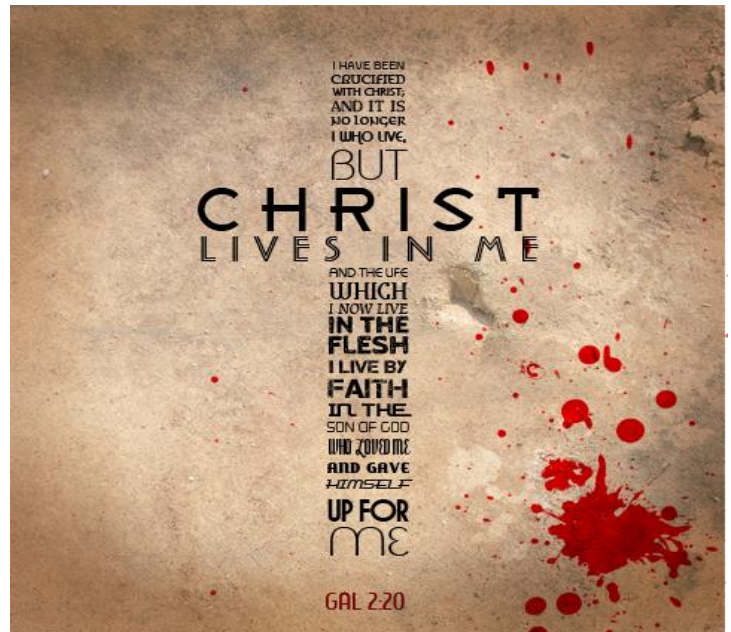
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

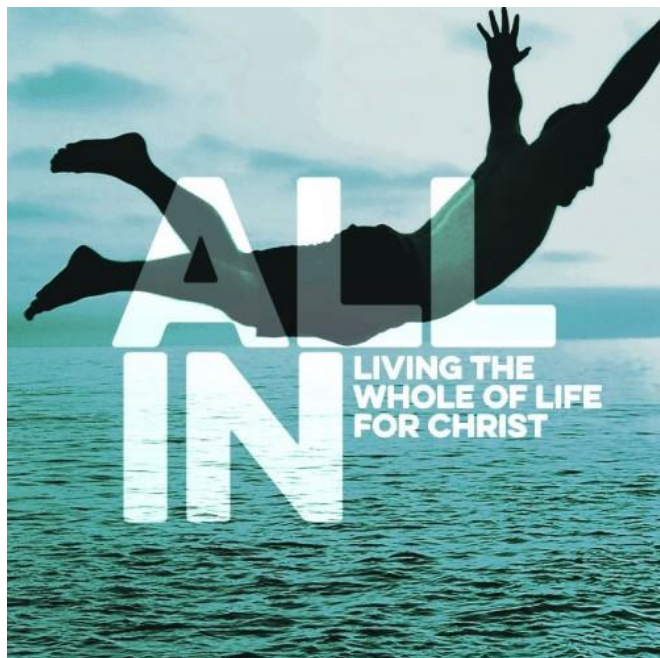
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the second half of the second chapter of Galatians. In this passage Paul directly opposes Peter. Peter came to Antioch and was interacting with Paul and the church. When people from Jerusalem arrived, Peter stopped associating with the Gentiles as was Jewish tradition. Paul calls them out for this and proclaims that they are no longer under the Law. When Christ made the ultimate sacrifice, all believers were freed from the law. So for us today, we must ask the question, how can we live for Christ but not be subject to the Law?



Read Galatians 2:11-21 (NET)

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he had clearly done wrong. ¹² Until certain people came from James, he had been eating with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he stopped doing this and separated himself because he was afraid of those who were pro-circumcision. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews also joined with him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray with them by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not behaving consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "If you, although you are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you try to force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵ We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners, ¹⁶ yet we know that no one is justified by the works of the law but by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by the faithfulness of Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷ But if while seeking to be justified in Christ we ourselves have also been found to be sinners, is Christ then one who encourages sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ But if I build up again those things I once destroyed, I demonstrate that I am one who breaks God's law. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law so that I may live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So the life I now live in the body, I live because of the faithfulness of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside God's grace, because if righteousness could come through the law, then Christ died for nothing!

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why did Paul oppose Peter?

9. What hypocrisy is Paul talking about in verse 13?

10. In verse 14, why does Paul say that Peter lives like a Gentile?

11. What does Paul mean in verse 20 when it says, "I have been crucified with Christ"?

12. What is verse 20 referring to when it says, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What changes in a person's life when Christ lives in them?

14. What is the difference between living according to the law and living for Christ?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES