

Galatians: The Letter that Saved the Church, Week 3

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Reflect + Discuss

- What is a good habit or practice that you have a hard time motivating yourself to do?
- Read Galatians 2:15-16 with the definitions of "justified," "faith," "by faith," and "the law" that Charles used in the message: "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not made right by the works of the Torah, but through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our complete trust in and total reliance upon Christ Jesus that we may be made right through the faithfulness of Christ and not by the works of the Torah, because by the works of the Torah no one will be made right."

What stands out to you when you read the passage this way?

- Why do we need to be "made right" and why doesn't following the Torah accomplish this? What is your initial reaction to the idea that being made right doesn't depend on the strength of our faith but on the faithfulness of Jesus?
- Read Galatians 2:19-21. How does union with Christ "right-ify" us in our relationship with God and transform us into people who God can partner with in making the world right? In your own life, how have you experienced the kind of change and transformation that comes from being united with Christ?
- What kinds of habits or practices can help us pursue a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus? What are some ways you can bring a greater awareness of your union with Christ into your daily life?

Dig Deeper

- Watch the [Bible Project video](#) on The Law
- Read Romans 3-4 to dig deeper into the topic of justification. Reflect on what ways you try to make yourself right with God (following the rules, being a good person, etc.) and think through ways to remind yourself that you are already justified through Christ's faithfulness, not your own actions.

Pray

Thank God that it isn't the strength of our faith that saves us, but Jesus' faithfulness to us. Pray that God would give you discernment in how to continually strengthen your dependence on Him.

Next Steps

Register for the [Galatians Study with Charles Yu](#) weekly webinar.

Choose one of the habits or practices that came to mind when discussing the sermon and set aside time this week (and following weeks) to intentionally focus on establishing it as a rhythm in your life.