

Unchained! A Response to Freedom

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing."

- Galatians 2:20-21

Lessons We Learn

1. Christians are meant to enjoy freedom.
2. Our freedom is to be expressed properly.

Think about this...

If someone would save your life or the life of your child, how would you respond?

The Story Line of Galatians

Many Jews had moved to the area of Galatia and met Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Apostle Paul.

False teachers taught these Jews that as Christians, they still needed to follow the law.

Paul, furious at this teaching, helps these new converts understand how to be unchained and enjoy their freedom.

Things We Should Note about Galatians 2:20

1. The first statement is past tense and the remainder is present.
2. In two sentences, a first person pronoun is used seven times.
3. Christ is referred to four times.
4. The word "live" is used five times.
5. The verse seems contradictory ("I no longer live"; I live)
6. Both parties that have been crucified still live.
7. Someone loved us enough to give His life for us.

What Was Paul Telling Us?

1. When Paul became a Christian he was "crucified" with Jesus.
"If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — because anyone who has died has been freed from sin."
- Romans 6:5-7
2. Since Paul had been "crucified" he no longer lived for himself and the law had no power over him.
"...because anyone who has died has been freed from sin." - Romans 6:7
"Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to men who know the law — that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives?" - Romans 7:1
3. Since Paul didn't live for himself, he lived for Jesus Christ who lived His life again through Paul.
When you live like this it changes your whole perspective about the whole world!
4. Paul's life was lived by faith because there was no other way to be free.
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."
- Ephesians 2:8,9
Salvation is based upon faith and _____.
5. Paul lived for Christ not because of law or obligation but because he chose to do so in thankfulness.
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."
- Galatians 2:20
6. Paul refused to overlook God's grace.
"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"
- Galatians 2:21
7. Paul wouldn't ever try to live by law because that would simply be "wasting" the death of Jesus.
"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"
- Galatians 2:21

Two Lessons to Take Home

1. The only hope you have for freedom is faith.
2. You can choose to allow Jesus to live through you, too!

Unchained! A Response to Freedom

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing."

- Galatians 2:20-21

Lessons We Learn

1. Christians are meant to _____ freedom.
2. Our freedom is to be expressed properly.

Think about this...

If someone would save your life or the life of your child, how would you respond?

The Story Line of Galatians

Many Jews had moved to the area of _____ and met Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Apostle Paul.

_____ teachers taught these Jews that as Christians, they still needed to follow the law.

Paul, _____ at this teaching, helps these new converts understand how to be unchained and enjoy their freedom.

Things We Should Note about Galatians 2:20

1. The first statement is _____ tense and the remainder is present.
2. In two sentences, a first person pronoun is used _____ times.
3. Christ is referred to _____ times.
4. The word "live" is used _____ times.
5. The verse seems _____ ("I no longer live"; I live)
6. Both parties that have been crucified still _____.
7. Someone _____ us enough to give His life for us.

What Was Paul Telling Us?

1. When Paul became a Christian he was "_____" with Jesus.
"If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — because anyone who has died has been freed from sin."
- Romans 6:5-7
2. Since Paul had been "crucified" he no longer lived for himself and the law had no _____ over him.
"...because anyone who has died has been freed from sin." - Romans 6:7
"Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to men who know the law — that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives?" - Romans 7:1
3. Since Paul didn't live for himself, he lived for Jesus Christ who lived His life again _____ Paul.
When you live like this it changes your whole perspective about the whole world!
4. Paul's life was lived by _____ because there was no other way to be free.
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."
- Ephesians 2:8,9
Salvation is based upon faith and _____.
5. Paul lived for Christ not because of law or obligation but because he chose to do so in _____.
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."
- Galatians 2:20
6. Paul refused to overlook God's _____.
"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"
- Galatians 2:21
7. Paul wouldn't ever try to live by law because that would simply be "_____" the death of Jesus.
"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"
- Galatians 2:21

Two Lessons to Take Home

1. The only hope you have for freedom is _____.
2. You can _____ to allow Jesus to live through you, too!