

ἄλλο μὲν οὐκ ἔστιν ἀρχαῖον
πολεμὸν καὶ δημοσίον

GALATIANS

The Gospel
Brings A New
Identity

καὶ πῆσάν
ταύτην τῶν

ἀφίσταν
τάς αὐτῶν
λαλοῦσα
πρόμα

Galatians 2:17-21

But if, in our endeavor to be justified in

Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin?

Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I

tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Romans 3:24

and are justified by his grace as
a gift

Justified- A judge's declaration- to
pronounce someone righteous.

A Gift- Something that cannot be
achieved; it can only be received.

But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were **found** to be **sinners**, is Christ then a servant of sin?

Acts 5:39

but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be **found** opposing God!”

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be **found** faithful.

1 Peter 1:7

so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be **found** to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, **is Christ then a servant of sin?**

Galatians 3:10

For all who **rely on works of the law** are under a curse; for it is written
“Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

Romans 6:1

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Romans 6:15

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?

“May it never be! God forbid!” (the strongest Greek negative expression)

We are to recall, to ponder, to grasp, to register these truths until they are so integral to our mindset that return to the old life is unthinkable. Regenerate Christians should no more contemplate a return to unregenerate living than adults to their childhood, married people to their singleness or discharged prisoners to their prison cell.

– John Stott



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prove myself to be a transgressor.

(next verse)

For through the **law** I died to the **law**

If Paul rebuilds the OT law, which is abolished now that Christ has come and a new era in redemptive history has arrived, then he has violated God's will and is to be deemed a transgressor.

Reinstituting the law transgresses God's will because it denies that righteousness is in Christ and returns to the old era of salvation history.

– Thomas Schreiner



For through the law **I died to the law,**
so that I might live to God.

Romans 7:4

You also have died to the law **through
the body of Christ**

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, **born under the law**, to **redeem those who were under the law**, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Since Jesus lived under the law, he could free those who lived under the dominion of sin and the law. The reign of the law ended, therefore, “through the law.” Jesus in his death took the full penalty of the law upon himself, even though as the sinless one he did not deserve its curse (3:10, 13). By dying under the law he ended the era of the law, and those who have died with Christ share in his victory over the law.

– Clinton Arnold



I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

“in Christ” used **82 times** as in

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is
a new creation.

“in him” occurs **20 times** as in

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his
blood

“with Christ” used **12 times** as in

Colossians 3:3

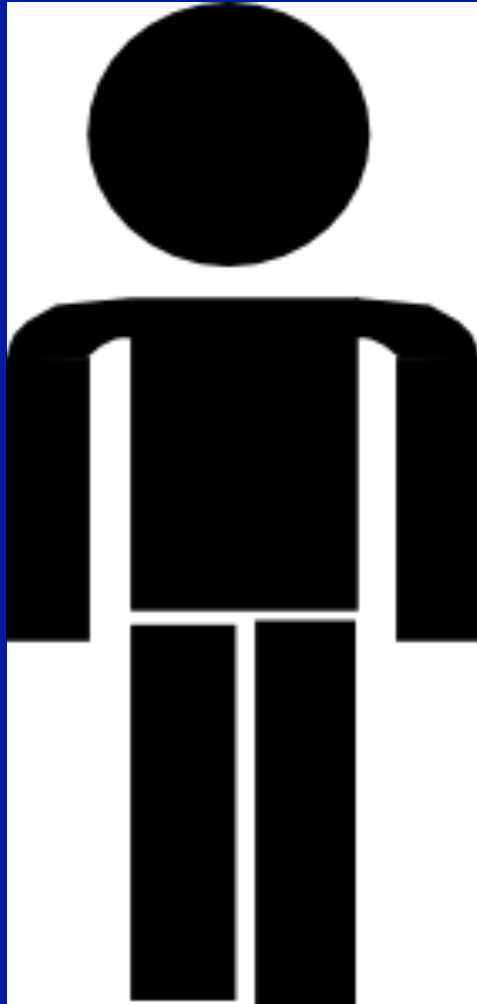
For you have died, and your life is hidden **with Christ** in God.

“with him” occurs **12 times** as in

2 Timothy 2:11

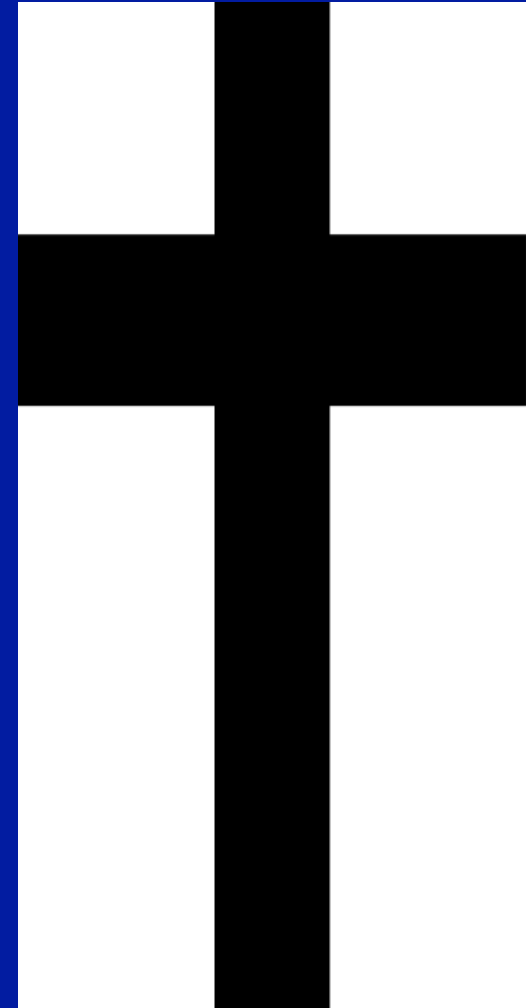
The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died **with him**, we will also live **with him**;

The Sinner



Lacks forgiveness and
righteousness

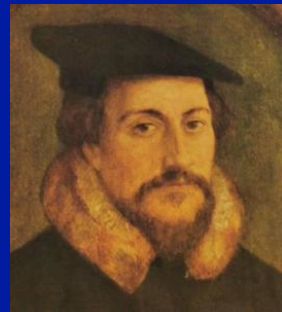
Jesus



Possesses forgiveness and
righteousness

As long as Christ remains outside of us,
and we are separated from him, all that
he has suffered and done for the
salvation of the human race remains
useless and of no value for us.

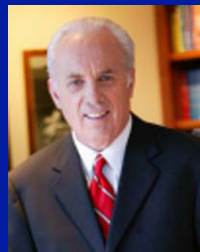
– John Calvin



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If a man is convicted of a capital crime and is put to death, the law obviously has no more claim on him. He has paid his debt to society. Therefore, even if he were to rise from the dead, he would still be guiltless before the law, which would have no claim on his new life. So it is with the believer who dies in Christ to rise in new life. He is free forever from any claim of the law on him. He paid the law's demand when he died in Christ.

– John MacArthur



It is no longer I who live, but Christ
who lives in me.

Not only have we been placed into the body of Christ, but Christ has also come to live within us. This means that my life is eternally wrapped up in Jesus Christ. His destiny is my destiny. His inheritance is my inheritance. His life is my life. Christianity is not merely a theological system of beliefs or a code of moral conduct that I am to follow. Christianity is a new relationship. It is a person living inside me.

– John Stevenson



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by **faith in the Son of God**, who
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They think it noble to try to win their way to God and to heaven. But it is not noble; it is dreadfully ignoble. For, in effect, it is to deny both the nature of God and the mission of Christ. It is to refuse to let God be gracious. It is to tell Christ that He need not have bothered to die. For both the grace of God and the death of Christ become redundant, if we are masters of our own destiny and can save ourselves

– John Stott

