

Paul's Testimony of the Work of God in Him

1. Paul trusts fully in Jesus. Galatians 2:17
2. Paul refuses to turn back to his past way of thinking Galatians 2:18, 1:13,14
 - a. What did he destroy?
 - b. What replaced it?
3. Paul, through the law, died to the law Galatians 2:19
 - a. Saw his depravity
 - b. Convicted, sentenced, and executed by the law
 - i. Crucified with Christ Galatians 2:20
 - ii. The law had no more power over him
4. Paul in dying to the law, lives to God Galatians 2:19
 - a. Christ lives in Paul Galatians 2:20
 - b. A life of faith while on this Earth Galatians 2:20
5. Paul holds tightly to the grace of God Galatians 2:21
 - a. If grace isn't need, Jesus died in vain

Is this testimony unique to Paul?

Romans 6:1-11

Galatians 2:17-21

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As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

I Peter 4:10

Hospitality Team - Those that have a passion and gift for making people feel welcome, loved, and encouraged. **I Peter 4:9**

- Greeters
- Visitor Follow Ups
- Home Hospitality for members of the church
- Writing encouraging notes and cards, emails and texts.
- Coordinating meals for people during recovery from surgeries, sicknesses, births, etc.

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Often times, we don't understand the level and depth of our compromise that are displayed in the decisions we make!

Compromising the truth often opens a flood gate.....or a fault line!

2:17 - If seeking to be justified in Christ alone, we are wrong and are still sinners, what does that mean about Jesus? Do we say that He is a promoter / advocate of sin? Has He led us into sin when he says I am the Way the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by Me. Or when He tells us in Mark 7:19 that what we eat doesn't matter, is He a liar?

2:18 - Paul was saved out of the strict adherence of the law for salvation. He saw and understood Jesus

Paul didn't destroy the Law, but instead he destroyed the idea that one can be saved by the law, one can achieve righteousness by their own works. This was the pervasive idea among the religious elite during the time of Christ. It continued to be the idea for many after Christ. But now, there were some who were "mixing" Jesus with the work for salvation.

2:19 I through the law have died to the law: Does this mean that the law convicted me and sentenced me to death, and in accepting Jesus, I have died and at the same time,

The law required me to die, and I did.....in Jesus, becoming a new creation, living for God!

2:20 Explanation of verse 19: I have been crucified with Christ, I am in Him....in His death. It is no longer me, but Jesus that lives in me, as I am a new creation unto Him. The life that I am living in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Jesus loved me and gave Himself for me...dying on the cross, experiencing the condemnation for my sin from God the Father.

2:21 I do not set the grace of God to the side, but instead constantly sit it in front of me....looking through it to understand the nature of life in Jesus. To sit the grace of God aside

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and grasp on to the law is to declare that Christ died in vain....it wasn't necessary, basically He died for nothing

What does it mean I am not the one who lives, but it is Jesus that lives in me.

True Life comes only through Jesus, so until the moment that I accepted Him and died to my self, I did not have true spiritual life, but instead was dead in my sin. Spiritually, I was dark, having no light or life in me.

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