



## "Two Peoples - One Way" (Part 3)

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### Galatians 2:16



**15** We [are] Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles. **16** Yet we know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have believed in Christ Jesus so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law, since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. **17** But if while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be! **18** For if I rebuild what I once destroyed, I prove

myself to be a transgressor. **19** For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ – **20** and it is no longer I who live, but Christ 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 up for me. **21** I do not nullify the grace of God: for if righteousness [comes] through the Law, then Christ died for no purpose.

– Galatians 2:15-21, translated by T. Bartolucci –

#### I. Essential Elements of the Gospel in Galatians (vv. 15-21)

##### A. The Universal Nature of Sin (v. 15-16a)

\*Two Peoples and Only One Way\*  
Jews and Gentiles are two races that  
can only be justified one way.

##### B. Justification Is by Faith Alone (v. 16)

1. "Justified" (dikaioō) is used 3x in v. 16

2. To be justified by faith in Christ = to have saving faith in Him as my sin bearer & only hope of righteousness before God

3. Martin Luther, D. Erasmus and the Latin Vulgate

Martin Luther said that justification by faith is the 'most principal and special article of Christian doctrine'. Without it, 'Christianity is just another religion—an endless effort to get right with God through self-discipline and ritual.'

4. If God declares us righteous through faith alone – if works don't save us or contribute to our salvation – why do them?

a. The relationship between justification and sanctification