



## "Two Peoples – One Way" (Part 5)

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### Galatians 2:18



**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)

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

*Justification is an prior declaration  
of a future announcement.*

##### C. The Believer's Union With Christ (vv. 17-20)

1. To be "In Christ" is not to be "In Sin" (17)
2. To be "In Christ" is to have died to sin and the law (18-19a)

- a. We must not rebuild what is no longer in force
  - (1) Words "rebuild" and "destroyed" refer to the law
- b. Romans 6:1-7:6 and our union with Christ
  - (1) The Antagonist (1)
  - (2) The Answer (2)
  - (3) The Argument (3-7)

\*Two Peoples and Only One Way\*  
Jew or Gentile - there's only one way  
to be justified before God.

"Union with Christ is a phrase used to summarize several different relationships between believers and Christ, through which Christians receive every benefit of salvation. These relationships include the fact that we are in Christ, Christ is in us, we are like Christ, and we are with Christ." – Wayne Grudem. *Systematic Theology*, 840

3. To be "In Christ" is to have been crucified with Christ (19b-20)