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## “The Liberator - A Walk in Grace”

*“So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free...” Galatians 5:1a NLT*

Part 4

## “It’s Not Me...but Christ in Me!”

Galatians 2:11-3:25

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20*

### A. Can Christians disagree? Yes!

#### 1. Paul confronts Peter!

*“When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong.” vs. 2:11*

#### 2. Paul confronts Peter in front of everyone!

*“When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all...” vs. 2:14*

#### 3. Paul stresses the error of Peter’s choices and the danger of his influence.

*“The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.” vs. 2:13*

#### 4. Peter’s response is silence!

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### B. Can Christians fall into the enemy’s trap once we have been saved? Yes!

#### 1. Peter fell into the trap of hypocrisy.

*“Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group.” vs. 2:12*

#### 2. Peter’s sin influenced others.

*“When I saw they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel...” vs 2:14a*

#### 3. I am never so spiritual that sin cannot destroy my walk and influence.

*“So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:26-27 NLT*

*“I don’t know about you, but I’m running hard for the finish line. I’m giving it everything I’ve got. No sloppy living for me! I’m staying alert and in top condition. I’m not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.” 1 Corinthians 9:26-27 The Message*

#### 4. I can only walk the walk in Christ through His strength in me!

*“This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God’s people. For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.” Colossians 1:26-29 NLT*

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### C. Can I find God by following the law and keeping the law? No!

#### 1. The law was given to help me see that I can never attain human perfection.

*“Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?” vs. 3:13*

#### 2. The law was given as a guide to point me to my need for Christ.

*“So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.” vs. 3:24*

#### 3. The law was given to help me see sin for what it is!

*“But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.” vs. 3:22*

#### 4. The law can only be satisfied in Christ!

*“know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.” vs. 2:16*

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### D. Can I find Christ and can I live for Christ by faith and by His grace? Yes!

#### 1. God’s grace draws me to Him.

*“I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” vs 2:21*

#### 2. God’s grace empowers me to live a new life.

*“He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.” vs. 3:14*

#### 3. God’s grace has been the source of our faith in both the Old and New Testament.

*“So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.” vs. 3:9*

#### 4. God’s grace has brought me to faith alone as my source of strength!

*“Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.” vs 2:25*

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