Part One: Set Free by Grace

Jesus has set us free Jesus has set us free by grace Jesus has set us free by grace alone



Problem in Galatia

- A group of Judaizers distorting the gospel of grace that Paul preached
- The Galatian Christians needed to obey the Mosaic Law, be circumcised
- People were confused and some led astray by this false teaching





It is the good news that sinful men and women may be brought into acceptance with God, not because of their works, but through a simple act of trust in Jesus Christ.

Meaning of JUSTIFICATION'

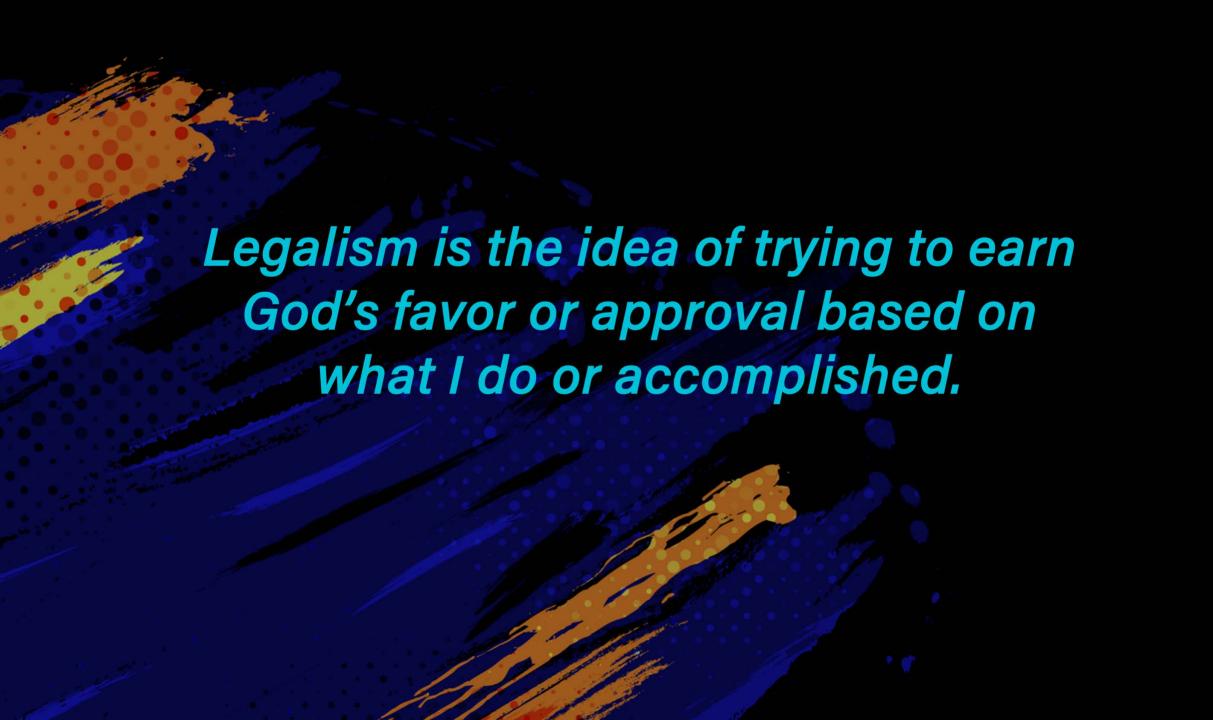
A legal term

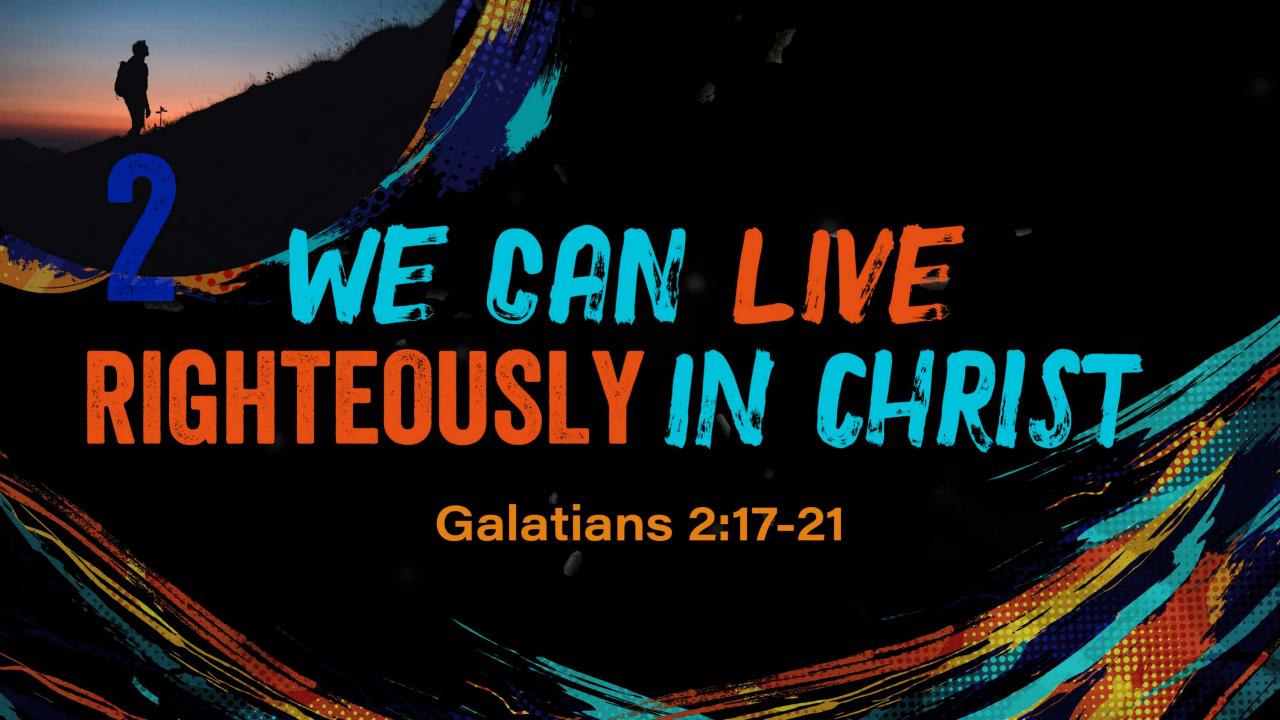
An instantaneous legal act of God in which he thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us



Our response to what God has done for us on the cross Jesus died

It is us trusting in Jesus and His finished work on the cross





Galatians 2:17-18

- Paul's critics: "How can it be so simple?"
- Will justified by faith weakens a man's sense of moral responsibility?
- If he is accepted through faith in Christ, without any need to do good works, are you encouraging him to break the law?
- Paul's response "Absolutely NOT!"

"through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God"

WHAT PAUL IS NOT SAYING

The Mosaic law had lost its meaning and irrelevant to Christian believers

WHAT PAUL IS SAYING

- Self, sin, the world and the law no longer define or dictate his existence because of his union with Christ
- He is a believer under grace
- He lives under the lordship of Christ and not under law

We are set free to obey God and to love Him!

"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."

WHAT PAUL IS SAYING

- He identified with the death and resurrection of Christ
- He is radically transformed died to his old self,
 the old has gone, a new creation
- He is living a life in Christ being transformed into Christlikeness, living in holiness
- He lives by faith in Christ secured and confident in the love of Christ
- He lives a life trusting in the strength and grace of Christ

We are set free to live for Christ!