

# Message Notes

## The Heart of the Gospel

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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*(The Heart of the Gospel)*  
Galatians 2:17-21

### Does Jesus Promote Sin?

Galatians 2:17-18

Who is "we" in verse 17?

1. Jews?
  2. All Believers
- Romans 3:7-8

Who is "I" in verse 18?

1. Peter as the one who is rebuilding social barriers
2. Paul as church and gospel persecutor
3. All of us as we still sin after conversion, but who hate it

### What is the very heart of the Gospel?

Galatians 2:19

What's this "Law" thing?

*Seven Biblical Stated Purposes of the Law*

1. Civil and Ceremonial
2. Covenantal
3. Clarity
4. Consummation
5. Cumulation
6. Coach
7. Cost

### How's this hot dog [ Grace of God] made?

Galatians 2:20

*Our "covenantal states with God"*

Taken from Romans 7:1-6

*On our own (single)*

ME -----LAW----- GOD

Ephesians 2:3

*Crucified with Jesus (married)*

ME & JESUS -----LAW----- GOD

Galatians 2:20, 4:4-5

*Raised with Jesus (married)*

ME & JESUS -----GRACE----- GOD

Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:1-4ff

### NOTES: Continued

**Can't I just have a bit of the Grace of God?  
Is it really Everything or Nothing?**

Galatians 2:11

### Gospel Application - "So What?"

Romans 6:1-14

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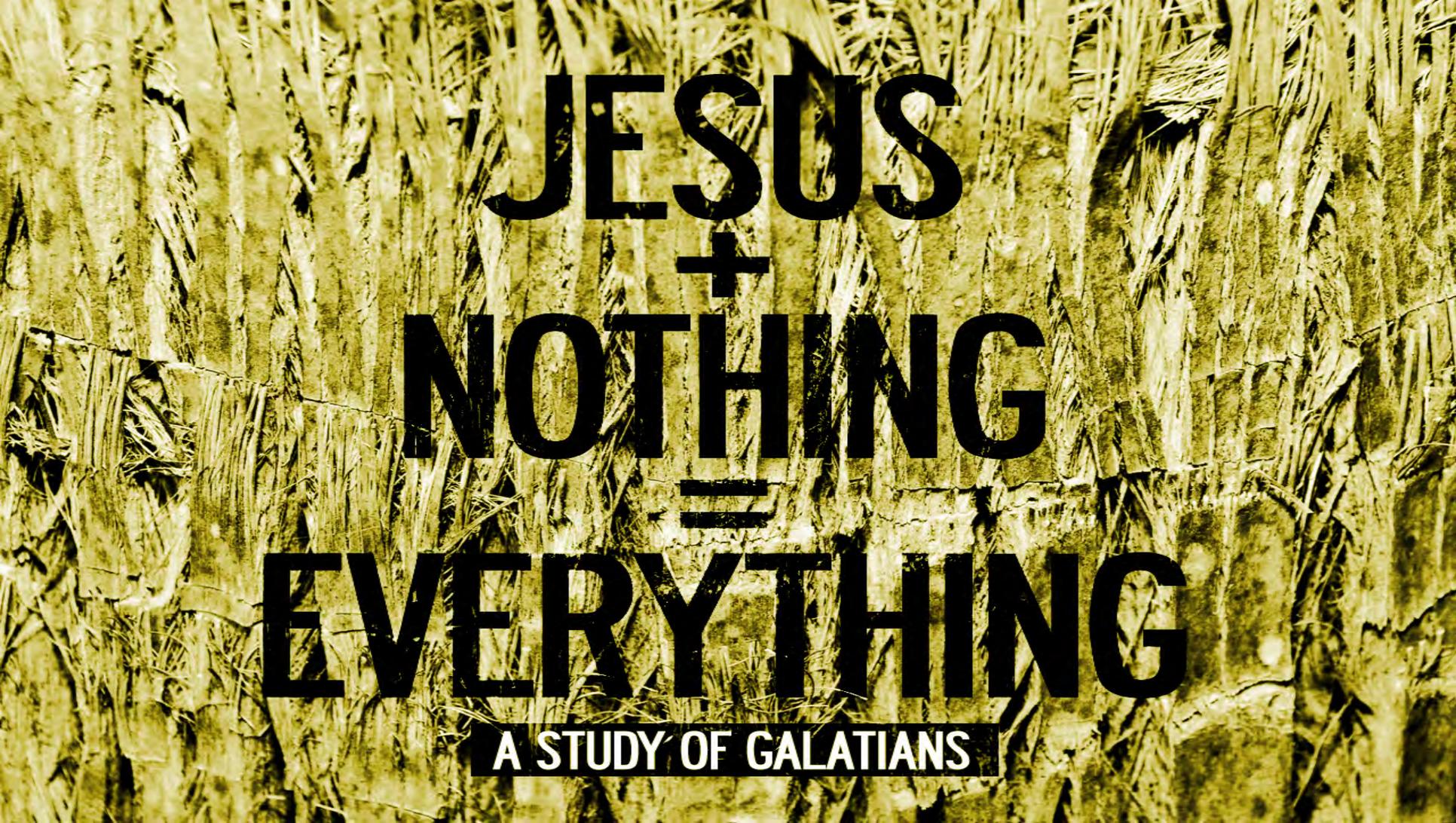
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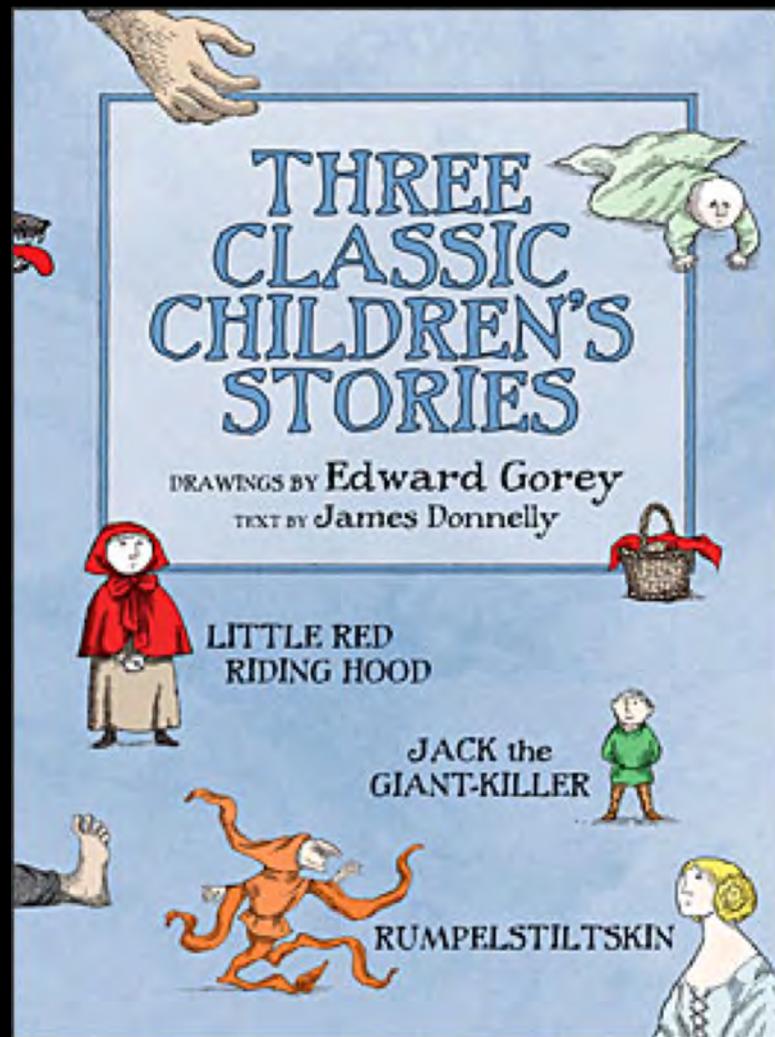
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**A STUDY OF GALATIANS**

# Paul's Story

## The Story of Redemption in Scripture

### Their (and our) Story



*An offense to the Gospel (part 1):  
“Pete’s bad table manners”*

**Galatians 2:11-14**

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<sup>11</sup>When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. <sup>12</sup>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.

## **Galatians 2:11-14**

<sup>13</sup>The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

## Galatians 2:11-14

<sup>14</sup>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, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

*An offense to the Gospel (part 2):*

*“The Story Retold”*

**Galatians 2:15-16**

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<sup>15</sup>“We who are Jews by birth and not ‘Gentile sinners’  
<sup>16</sup>know that a person 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.



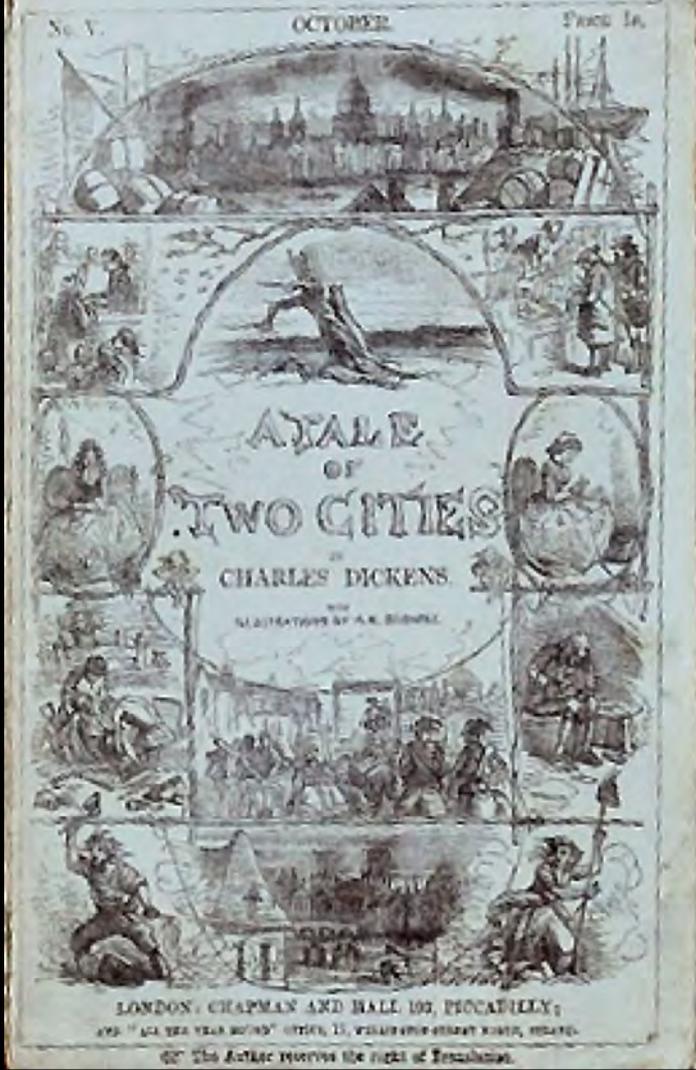
# The Story

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Restoration



# Story #1

Observing the Law:  
*The Jews Who  
Completely Rejected Jesus*

**Flood – Genesis 6**

**Nations – Genesis 10**

**Abraham – Genesis 12, 15, 17**

**Moses – Exodus, Lev., Deut.**

**Nation/Land – Joshua**

**Exile – prophets (Isaiah,  
Jeremiah, and Exekiel)**

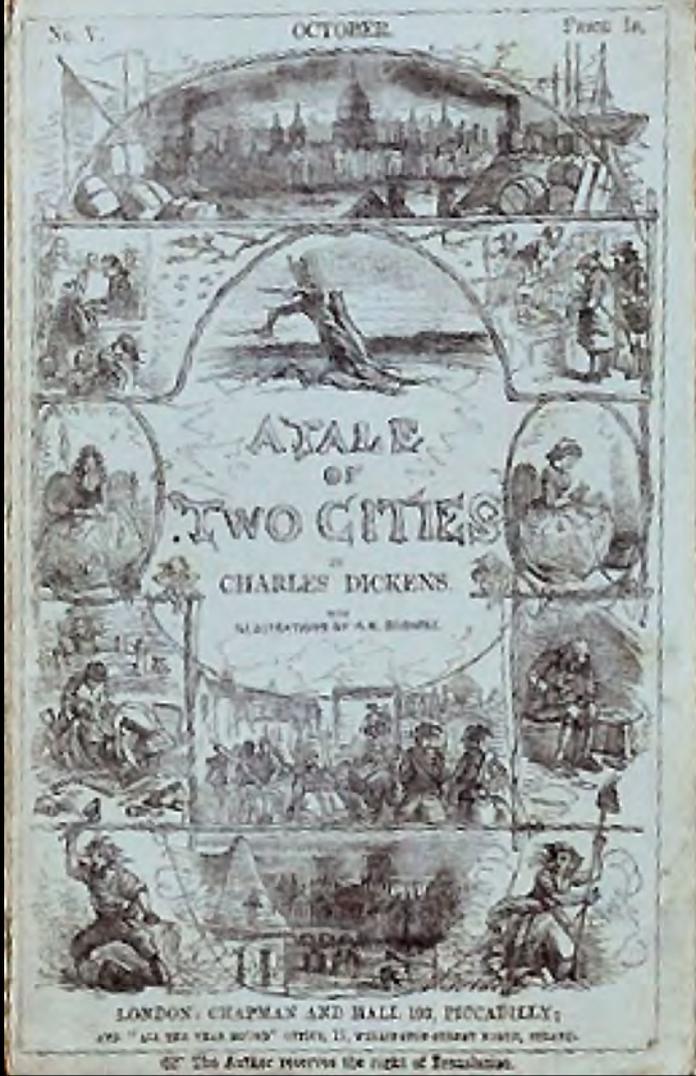
# Israel is God's Treasured Nation

## Deuteronomy 26:18a

<sup>18</sup>And the LORD has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised...

**What about other nations?**



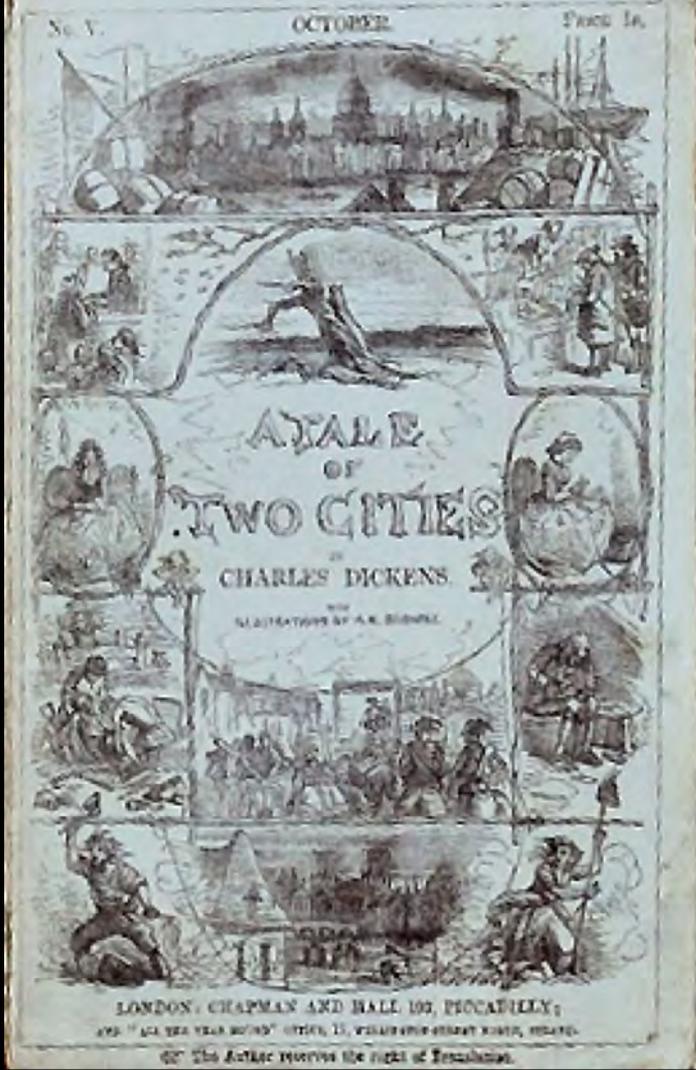


# Story #2

Jesus + Observing  
the Law:

*The Judaizers in Galatia*





# Story #3

The Gospel of Grace  
*Jesus ONLY to*  
**EVERYONE!!**

Flood - Genesis 6

Nations - Genesis 10

Abraham [The Believer!] -

Genesis 15:6 - Rom. 4, Gal. 3, 4

True Israel - Rom. 9, Heb. 11

Moses - Gal. 3, Rom. 3

# Today's Message:

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**Romans 3:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>Someone might argue, “If my falsehood enhances God’s truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?” <sup>8</sup>Why not say – as we are being slanderously reported as saying and as some claim that we say – “Let us do evil that good may result”?  
Their condemnation is deserved.

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### Paul as Persecutor of the Church and Gospel?

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*As a national charter for the people of Israel to be set apart  
(food laws, Sabbath keeping, how to grow crops, etc.*

*Deuteronomy 4:8 – see Leviticus 19:27, 30, etc.  
for examples)*

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*As a means to obtain/maintain the Abrahamic promise of land, blessings, life (Deuteronomy 27-28, esp 27:26; Leviticus 18:5, Ezekiel 20:11). It was also a means to regain the inheritance if lost Deut 30:2, 9-14, Leviticus 19:37; this is why Paul addresses this text in Rom 10)*

# Seven Biblically Stated Purposes of the Law

1. CIVIL AND CEREMONIAL

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3. CLARITY

*To clearly define sin*

*(Galatians 3:19, Romans 3:20, 7:7-9)*

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4. CONSUMMATION

*To show the ways of God*

*(Psalm 19:7-11, 119:7, 9-11, 13, 18-20, etc.)*

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*To increase sin (Romans 5:20-21, Galatians 3:19)*

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*To point us to Christ with regard to our need for a Savior  
(Galatians 3:19-26)*

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*To foreshadow Christ with regard to the temple sacrifices  
(Hebrews 9:1-10:25, esp 9:1-15, 10:1)*

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## 3. Christ lives in me

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## 4. Life now is by faith in the Son of God

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ME-----LAW-----GOD

# Filing Status: *Single*

**ME**-----**LAW**-----**GOD**

Ephesians 2:3

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Filing Status:  
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ME & JESUS-----LAW-----GOD

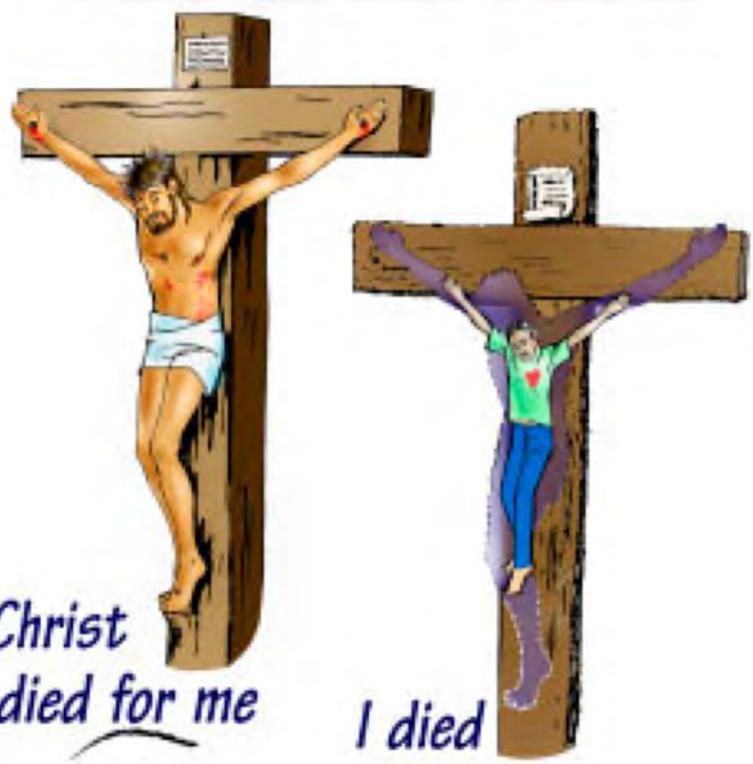
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**Galatians 4:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

# Two Great Facts



*Christ  
died for me*

*I died  
with Him*

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ME & JESUS-----GRACE-----GOD

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**Colossians 3:1ff**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.



RISEN WITH CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

When a man finds and knows himself to be linked with Christ, his life is altogether a new life. Crucified, then dead. Crucified, then the old life is put away. Whatever life a crucified man has must be new life. Whatever you have of life was not given you till you came into union with Christ. It is a new thing – as new as though you had been actually dead and rotted in the tomb and then had started up at the sound of the trumpet to live again.

~ Charles Spurgeon, *Spurgeon Commentary: Galatians*, ed. Elliot Ritzema, Spurgeon Commentary Series (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2013), Galatians 2:19.





**UNION WITH CHRIST**

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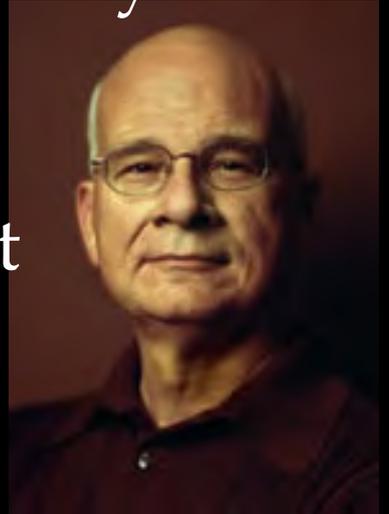
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If we could save ourselves, Christ's death is pointless, and means nothing. If we realize we cannot save ourselves, Christ's death will mean everything to us. And we will spend the life that He has given us in joyful service of Him, bringing our whole lives into line with the gospel.

~ Tim Keller, *Galatians For You*, p. 50-52



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So what?

## Romans 6:1-14

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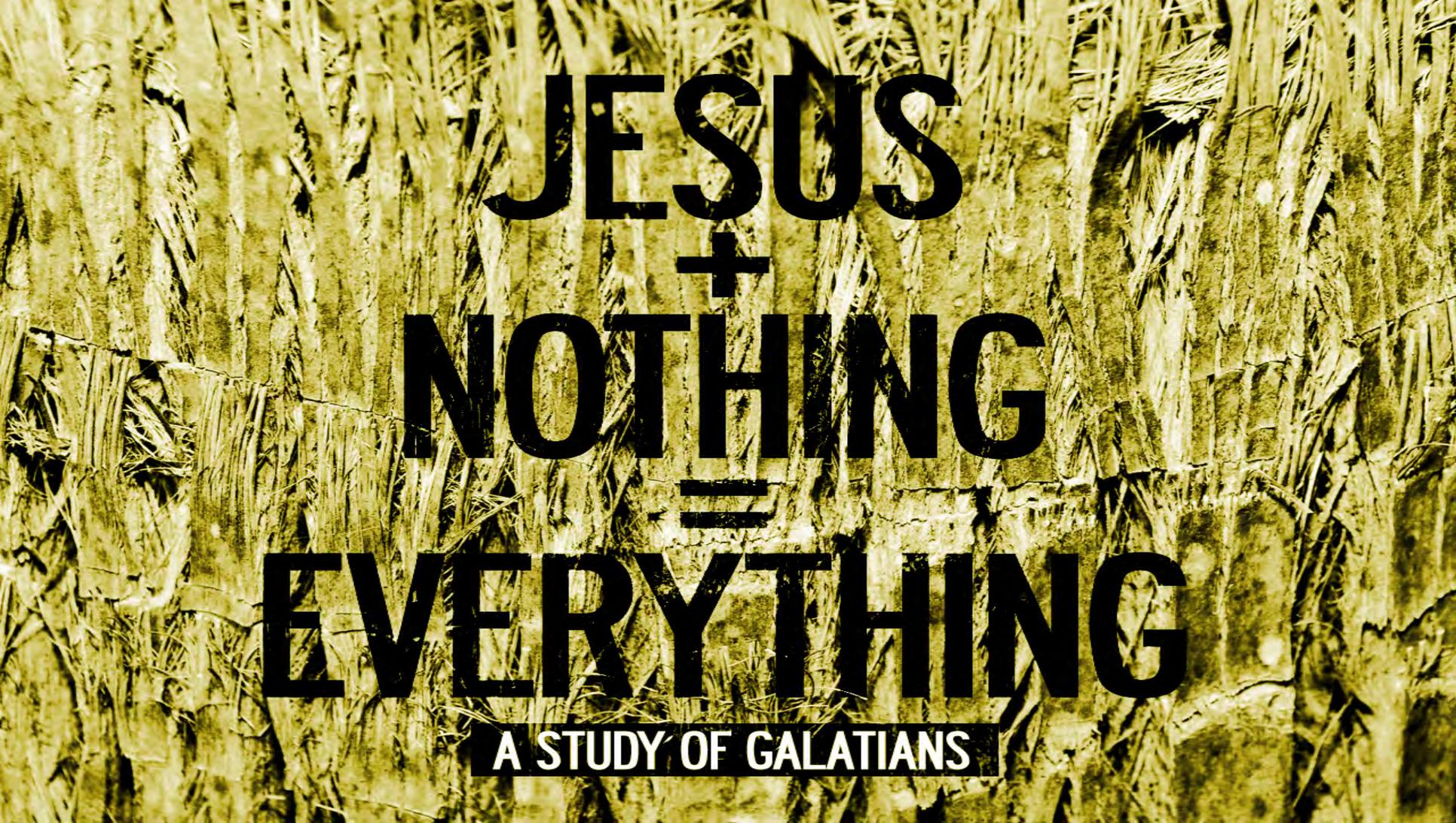
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