

BE FREE-- Crucified But Alive By Pastor Robby Bradford

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS

Grace—Undeserved favor from God; the cornerstone of the true gospel.

Legalism—Believing that right behavior and good works will lead to salvation.

(Galatians 2:11-14) When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For 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. The other Jews joined him in his **hypocrisy**, so that by their **hypocrisy** even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas 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?”

- Legalism leads to hypocrisy.
- Legalism divides people.
- Legalism provides a basis for judging others.
- Legalism is reinforced by the fear of others.

Lawlessness—Believing that right behavior and good works don't matter.

(Galatians 2:15-16) We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is **not justified by the works of 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 the works of the law**, because **by the works of the law no one will be justified**.

1. Faith in Christ results in being “put right” with God.

(Galatians 2:17-18) But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

2. Christ didn't come to bring more rules; he came to make us right with God.

(Galatians 2:19-20) For through the law **I died to the law** so that **I might live for God**. 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.

3. Salvation is about what Jesus has done; not about what you do.