

FREE AT LAST! THE MESSAGE OF GALATIANS
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The Righteous Gospel – Galatians 2:17-21

- 2:17** **I. Justification through faith alone is not unlawful.**
“If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not!”
cf. Romans 6:1-14
- 2:18-21** **II. Legalism and nomism are unlawful.**
“If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker...”
Legalism – gaining God’s favor by works of the law
Nomism – gaining God’s favor by observing Jewish customs
- :18** A. Legalism and nomism restore justification by works of the law.
“If I rebuild what I destroyed...”
cf. Phil. 3:1-4
- :19** B. Legalism and nomism misapply the law.
“For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God.”
cf. Romans 7:4-6
- :20** C. Legalism and nomism miss the keys to sanctification.
1. The crucified life
“I have been crucified with Christ...”
cf. Mt. 16:24-28
 2. Life in Christ
“...and I no longer live but Christ lives in me.”
cf. Col. 2:6-15
 3. The life of faith
“The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God...”
cf. II Cor. 5:7
 4. The grateful life
“...who loved me and gave himself for me.”
cf. II Cor. 5:14,15
- D. Legalism and nomism undermine the Christian essentials.
1. The grace of God
“I do not set aside the grace of God...”
cf. II Cor. 6:1; Gal 5:4; Heb 12:15; Jude 4
 2. The cross of Christ
“...for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing.”
cf. I Cor. 1:17

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