



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

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## Community Group Material:

*Bible Reading: Galatians 2:15-21*

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

### Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

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### Sermon Summary:

In Scripture God made it clear that the old covenant he made with the Jews would one day be over and a new covenant would replace it (Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 36:26-27; Gal. 3:24a, 25). Instead of people maintaining their relationship to God through a variety of practices (circumcision, law, diet), they would do that through Christ alone! This new covenant was enacted through his death and resurrection, which brought an end to all these practices. And while that seems so obvious to you and I, leaving those old practices behind for Jewish Christians was not easy at all. In Gal. 2:15-21, Paul reminds Peter what happens when anyone believes into Jesus: they are accepted or approved (justified) by God; they enter into a new relationship with God! What, then, are we to do to maintain this relationship? Simply keep a daily walk in Christ, even if it means that some think that we are “sinning.” But what we shouldn’t do is rebuild the very things that God tore down through Christ’s death and resurrection, that separate people from one another.

### Discussion:

1. Read 31:31-34; Ezek. 36:26-27; Gal. 3:24a, 25. What has Paul picked up in the OT Scriptures than many others were missing?

2. 2:16 states that when we believe into Jesus we are justified (i.e., we enter into a new relationship with God through him). Talk about how being in '*relationship*' is more powerful than merely being *judicially declared right with God*. How does it affect our living?
3. What things from your Christian past (heritage), whether that was prior to salvation or after, have caused you to think you were '*sinning*' when in fact you were following Christ?
4. What has helped you in your daily walk to '*live to God*'?

**End with Prayer.**

- Pray that our hearts would accept all people without distinction at CIT.
- Pray for one another.