

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

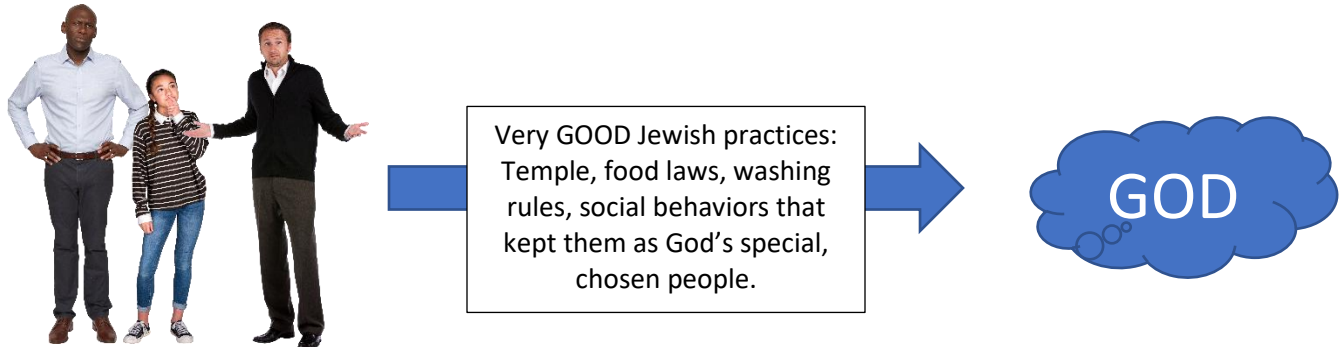
<sup>1:13</sup> You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. <sup>15</sup> But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

<sup>11</sup> But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; <sup>12</sup> for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. <sup>13</sup> And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup> But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

<sup>2:15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup> and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

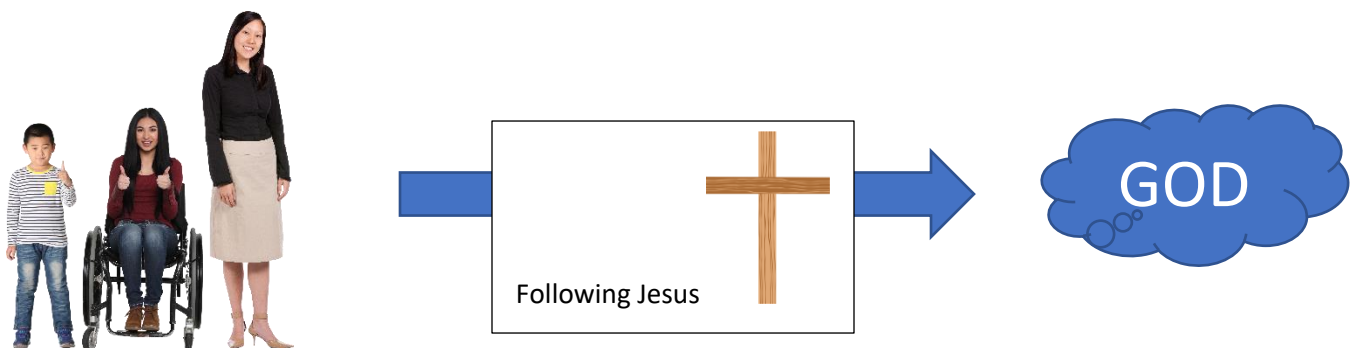
This is a complicated story from the Bible to understand. It is from a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the churches in Galatia. Paul is very angry with them because some people are still saying that a person has to be Jewish before they can be a Christian.

You might think of it this way:



Paul writes: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Paul means that all the other stuff that was important to him, like being so proud that he could keep the laws perfectly doesn't matter any more. It has been "crucified" - put to death. All that matters, all that brings him to God is following Jesus.



This is good news for us! We live by trust in Jesus.

## The Gospel for All

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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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ARABIA  
BELIEVE  
CROSS  
DAMASCUS  
FAITH

GALATIANS  
GENTILES  
GOSPEL  
JERUSALEM  
JESUS  
JUSTIFY

LAW  
PAUL  
PREACH



FROM DEATH

You are no longer a slave, but a son...♡♡♡♡♡



TO LIFE!

# Galatians



It is no longer I who live, "D"  
but Christ who lives in me!