

LEARNING TO LET CHRIST LIVE “IN ME!” “Through me!” by Ron Roy

When was the first time you heard that Jesus died on the cross for you? When did you, by Faith, begin to let His Death Transform your life?

Galatians was a corrective letter written by Paul to the people within the region of Galatia. The Christians there were being convinced that the law of Moses must be followed, even though such legalistic demands are contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There was another message being taught and adopted by some. This “different gospel” taught that, while Christ may have declared the Christian righteous at the moment of belief, one was still required to live under the burden of the Mosaic Law. The people of Galatia were living according to the works of the law, not by faith, and Paul sets for them the example of how to “live by faith.”

That is a transformative principle for us to learn. Jesus wants us not only to accept Him by faith, but also to live by faith. This truth touches every area of our lives. (Marriage, family, work, church, friendships, managing our time and finances, every phase of our lives.) Living by faith is Christ’s way to live the normal Christian life.

This section is titled: Justified by Faith, English Standard Version

Galatians 2:15-16 15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Faith in Jesus Christ justifies us. God makes a judgment. He declares the believer righteous, but this legal status is a gift received through faith, not an earned reward. We are justified by faith in the righteousness of Jesus. Jesus, through His death on the cross, atoned for our sins.

Paul was teaching that Salvation was in Christ alone, not in keeping with the sacrifices, burnt offerings, and traditions of the Jewish law. The Jewish Christian reading this was struggling with the question. How can there be Salvation outside of the Law? How can being justified by Christ apart from the law be accepted?

When we come to Christ as sinners, we believe that Jesus is God’s Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead. We seek out His forgiveness. He becomes Savior and Lord. God sees us as justified. Why, because we placed our trust in Jesus, and His blood has cleansed us from all our sins.

Romans 10:9-10 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The first step in allowing Jesus to live in and through you is salvation. You believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He died on the cross for our sins. He rose from the grave. Now he wants to be present and direct our lives. This is based on our faith in Christ. We are justified in Christ, not by keeping the Law or our works.

Galatians 2:17-18 17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

Paul utilized the concept of being “in Christ” (or “in the Lord”) 13 times in the book of Galatians. One of those times is in verse 17. Christ took on our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

If salvation is based on what I can do or build, as verse 18 says, like keeping the law for salvation, then I will prove at some point to fail. No one can keep all the laws all the time. Paul wanted His confused readers to grasp that Christ alone is enough for salvation. That is why Paul says in verse 19 that he died to the law. Paul was introducing them to the new reality of having Christ in their lives, living through them. This was far greater than the over 600 laws they were attempting to keep.

Galatians 2:19-21 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but 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. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. ESV

1. THE EXCHANGED LIFE - Focus is on SACRIFICE: “I have been crucified with Christ.”

Christ’s Death gives us Life. “He is Savior”

Christ’s Defeat of darkness allows us to live in the Light

Christ’s Sacrifice on the Cross allows us to have an exchanged life

Christ defeated Sin, Our Sin can be forgiven

Christ defeated Death, We can have Eternal Life

Christ defeated Satan, We can live in Victory

Christ wants to break the chains of bondage: Set Us Free!

What do you need to Exchange Today? What do you need to Release Today?

- Fears, Anxiety, Resentment, Bitterness, Lack of Forgiveness, Shame, Guilt

Let Him be your Savior and Lord!

2. THE ENTHRONED LIFE Focus is: "AUTHORITY"

"I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."

Jesus is not only the Lamb, crucified for me, but he is King Jesus who rules with authority in my life. He is Lord.

Paul in Philippians 1:21 "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

I OBEY His Word. You love by obeying John 15

I FOLLOW His Spirit. Galatians 5

I PRIORITIZE His Purposes (Matt. 22,37 Matt. 28:19-20)

Love God and Love People

Make Disciples, Share Christ, Worship, Serve

I LIVE on Mission - - JESUS' PRAYER., "Your Kingdom Come"

3. THE EMPOWERED LIFE: Focus on Power Source: "The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,"

The Source of the empowered life "The Son of God,"

- His Power
- His Authority
- Paul utilizes the phrase "in the body," pointing specifically to the physical life of the Christian, as lived "now." Living by faith is an act that takes place while the Christian is alive on the earth.

The Course of the Empowered Life "Faith in the Son of God"

- His Story – I find my story within His Greater Story
- Abraham, Joseph, Moises, Noah, Daniel, Heroes in Hebrews 11
- My Life becomes a reflection of the Son of God living in and through my body: How? "Faith in the Son of God"
- My Relationships
- My Personal Life
- My Marriage
- My Family
- My Work
- My Attitudes
- My Character
- My Conduct
- My Habits
- My Management of Time, Money, and Resources
- My Decisions
- My Social Media influence

4. THE ENRICHED LIFE Focus on connection-abiding “who loved me and gave himself for me.”

John 15:13-15 13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

Who loved me and continues to Love Me every day

- Sacrificial Love, He is our Friend
- Unconditional Love, He is our Friend
- Abiding Love, He is our Friend

Gave himself for me and continues to do so every day

- Sacrificial Lamb Dying in my place
- King of Kings Living in my life
- Son of God Empowering my life
- Friend Showing His Love, Personally to me

Galatians 2:20 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. NIV

1. THE EXCHANGED LIFE “HIS SACRIFICE”
2. THE ENTHRONED LIFE “HIS KINGDOM”
3. THE EMPOWERED LIFE “HIS SPIRIT”
4. THE ENRICHED LIFE “HIS FRIENDSHIP”

Who is really in charge of your: Life? Heart? Mind? Marriage? Work? Attitudes? Character? Conduct?

Who is really captivating your Love - - Every day? Every Situation? Every Conversation?

HOW WILL YOU LET CHRIST LIVE IN AND THROUGH YOU THIS WEEK?

學習讓基督活在我裡面並從我裡面流露出來 (作者：Ron Roy)

你第一次聽到耶穌為你死在十字架上是什麼時候？你又是從什麼時候開始，憑著信心，讓祂的死改變你的生命？

加拉太書是保羅寫給加拉太地區信徒的一封信，用以糾正他們的思想。那裡的基督徒被一些人誤導，以為必須遵守摩西律法，雖然這些律法主義的要求與耶穌基督的福音相違背。

還有另一個信息被一些人所接受。這個「別的福音」教導說：雖然一個人在相信基督的那一刻就被稱為義，但他仍然需要活在摩西律法的重擔之下。加拉太的人是按著律法的要求而活，而不是憑信心而活。因此保羅為他們樹立榜樣，告訴他們如何憑信心而活。

這對我們來說是一個更新生命的原則。耶穌不僅要我們憑信心接受祂，也要我們憑信心而活。這個真理影響我們生活的每一個部份，包括婚姻、家庭、工作、教會、友情、時間與財務的管理，並我們生命中的每一個階段。憑信心而活，是基督要我們過的正常基督徒生活方式。

這一段落在英文標準版聖經的標題是「因信稱義」

(加拉太書 2:15-16) 15 我們這生來的猶太人，不是外邦的罪人；16 既知道人稱義不是因行律法，乃是因信耶穌基督，連我們也信了基督耶穌，使我們因信基督稱義，不因行律法稱義；因為凡有血氣的，沒有一人因行律法稱義。

信耶穌基督使我們稱義。神作出判決，祂宣告信祂的人為義；但這種「義」的律法地位是一份憑著信心接受的禮物，而不是靠功勞換取的報酬。我們是因信耶穌的義而被稱義的。耶穌藉著祂在十字架上的死，為我們贖罪。

保羅教導說，救恩唯有靠基督才能獲得，而不在於獻祭、燔祭或猶太律法的傳統。當時的猶太基督徒讀到這些話時，正掙扎著一個問題：律法以外怎能有救恩？怎能接受「不靠律法、只靠基督稱義」呢？

當我們以罪人身分來到基督面前，我們相信耶穌是神的兒子，為我們死在十字架上，又從死裡復活。我們尋求祂的赦免。祂成為我們的救主和生命的主。於是神看我們為義。為什麼？因為我們把信心放在耶穌身上，而祂的寶血洗淨了我們一切的罪。

(羅馬書 10:9-10) 9 你若口裡認耶穌為主，心裡信神叫祂從死裡復活，就必得救。10 因為人心裡相信，就可以稱義；口裡承認，就可以得救。

(約翰一書 1:9) 我們若認自己的罪，神是信實的，是公義的，必要赦免我們的罪，洗淨我們一切的不義。

讓耶穌活在你裡面並從你裡面流露出來的第一步就是得救。你相信耶穌是神的兒子；祂為我們的罪死在十字架上，並從墳墓中復活。如今祂願意進入並引導我們的生命。這一切都是建立在我們對基督的信心之上。我們是在基督裡被稱義，而不是靠守律法或靠自己的行為。

(加拉太書 2:17-18) 17 我們若求在基督裡稱義，卻仍舊是罪人，難道基督是叫人犯罪的嗎？斷乎不是！18 我素來所拆毀的，若重新建造，這就證明自己是犯罪的人。

保羅在《加拉太書》中 13 次使用「在基督裡」（或「在主裡」）這個概念。其中一次是在第 17 節。基督擔當了我們的罪。

哥林多後書 5:21 說：神使那無罪的，替我們成為罪，好叫我們在他裡面成為神的義。

正如第 18 節所說，如果救恩是根據我能做什麼、能建造什麼—例如靠守律法得救—那麼我遲早會失敗。沒有任何人能一直遵守所有律法。保羅想讓那些困惑的讀者明白：唯有基督足以帶來救恩。因此，保羅在第 19 節說他向律法死了。保羅引入一個新的真理：讓基督住在他們的生命裡，並從他們裡面流露出來。這比起他們嘗試遵守六百多條律法更棒。

(加拉太書 2:19-21) 19 我因律法，就向律法死了，叫我可以向神活著。20 我已經與基督同釘十字架，現在活著的不再是我，乃是基督在我裡面活著；並且我如今在肉身活著，是因信神的兒子而活；他是愛我，為我捨己。21 我不廢掉神的恩；義若是藉著律法得的，基督就是徒然死了。

1. 交換的生命—焦點在於「犧牲」：「我已經與基督同釘十字架。」

基督的死賜給我們生命 — 「祂是救主」
基督戰勝黑暗，使我們能活在光明中
基督在十字架上的犧牲，使我們能擁有「交換的生命」

基督戰勝了罪 — 我們的罪可以被赦免
基督戰勝了死亡 — 我們可以得著永生
基督戰勝了撒但 — 我們可以活在得勝中
基督要打破轄制的鎖鍊 — 祂要釋放我們！

你今天需要交換什麼？你今天需要從什麼困境中被釋放？
— 恐懼、焦慮、怨恨、苦毒、不能饒恕、羞恥、罪疚

讓祂成為你的救主與生命的主！

2. 降服的生命—焦點是「權柄」：「現在活著的不再是我，乃是基督在我裡面活著。」

耶穌不僅是為我被釘十字架的羔羊，祂也是以權柄掌管我生命的君王耶穌。祂是主。

保羅在腓立比書 1:21 說：「因我活著就是基督，我死了就有益處。」

我遵行祂的話語 — 你們若愛我，就當遵守 (約翰福音 15)

我跟隨祂的聖靈 — (加拉太書 5)

我服從祂的旨意 — (馬太福音 22:37、28:19-20)

— 愛神並愛人

— 造就門徒，分享基督，敬拜，服事

— 我帶著使命而活 — 回應耶穌的禱告：「願你的國降臨」

3. 大能的生命：焦點在能力的來源「我如今在肉身活著，是因信神的兒子而活。」

大能生命的來源—「神的兒子」

- 祂的能力
- 祂的權柄
- 保羅使用「在肉身」這個詞語，強調基督徒現今在地上、仍然活著的生命。憑信心而活，是指基督徒在世時所發生的真實行動。

大能生命的途徑—「因信神的兒子」

- 祂的故事—我在祂更偉大的故事中找到自己的故事
- 亞伯拉罕、約瑟、摩西、挪亞、但以理、《希伯來書》第 11 章的信心偉人
- 我的生命成為神兒子在我裡面並從我裡面流露出來的證明。如何能夠做到？方法就是：「信神的兒子」

表現在：

- 我的人際關係
- 我個人的生活
- 我的婚姻
- 我的家庭
- 我的工作
- 我的態度
- 我的品格
- 我的行為

- 我的習慣
- 我對時間、金錢、資源的管理
- 我的決定
- 我在社交媒體上的影響

4. 豐盛的生命—焦點在連結與同在「祂是愛我，為我捨己。」

約翰福音 15:13-15 13「人為朋友捨命，人的愛心沒有比這個大的。14 你們若遵行我所吩咐的，就是我的朋友了。15 以後我不再稱你們為僕人，因僕人不知道主人所做的事。我乃稱你們為朋友；因我從我父所聽見的，已經都告訴你們了。」

祂愛我，並且每天持續愛我

- 犧牲的愛 —— 祂是我們的朋友
- 無條件的愛 —— 祂是我們的朋友
- 常在的愛 —— 祂是我們的朋友

祂為我捨己，並每天持續為我付出

- 為我而死的代罪羔羊
- 在我生命中掌權的萬王之王
- 賦予我能力的神的兒子
- 親自向我顯明祂愛的朋友

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1. 交換的生命 — 「祂的犧牲」
2. 降服的生命 — 「祂的國度」
3. 大能的生命 — 「祂的靈」
4. 豐盛的生命 — 「祂的交誼」

誰真正掌管著你的：生命？心思？意念？婚姻？工作？態度？品格？行為？

誰真正吸引著你的愛—每天？每個情境？每段對話？

這一週，你將如何讓基督活在你裡面並從你裡面流露出來？