



**“If You Can Earn Salvation, Jesus Died in Vain!”**

Galatians 2:15-21

- I. Jews are contrasted to Gentile \_\_\_\_\_,  
perhaps a provocative term used as part of the argument  
that will follow (2:15).
- a. Jewish Christians, with their heritage of knowing  
the law, have come to acknowledge that salvation is  
by \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, not by works of the  
law (2:16).

*Acts 10:28-29; 11:1-4, 15-18; Galatians 2:11-13*

- b. Verse 17 then might be asking whether Jewish  
Christians, who have been freed from the law are  
now “sinners” like Gentiles, making Christ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of sin (2:17).
- c. Paul states, to the contrary, that building up a  
\_\_\_\_\_ approach to the law as a  
means of justification is the great sin (2:18).
- d. The purpose of the law is not justification at all, but  
\_\_\_\_\_ —to show us our deadness (2:19).

*Romans 3:19-22*

- II. The implication of salvation by faith in Christ is that we  
experience a crucifixion of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:20a).
- a. The life we live by faith in Christ is no longer  
achieved by self but by faith in \_\_\_\_\_  
who lives in us (2:20b).
- b. Seeking self-justification through the law nullifies  
the grace of God and renders Christ’s death  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:21).