



Part 4: The Last Day of Your Life

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The Bucket List

What would you do if today was your last day?

Galatians 2:17-21

¹⁷ “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

Remember who Paul is writing to: he’s writing to people who are trying to return to his old version of religion.

¹⁹ “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God.

Meaning: I worked really hard to please God by doing all the right things, but it didn’t work. So I let it go!

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

My desires, my passions, my hopes, my dreams have been laid down as I’ve surrendered to Jesus.

^{20b} 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. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

If we could behave our way out of sin, we wouldn’t need Jesus!

Freedom is found in surrender.

What’s Next?

***To the Convinced:* Stay faithful; keep making your life all about Jesus.**

***To the Rule Followers:* Quit trying to impress God; instead surrender to him.**

***To the Curious:* Understand that spiritual death is your freedom.**

Two Simple Practices to Move Towards Jesus

1. Prayer
2. Scripture Study

Next Steps

This spring is a great time to get started growing at CTK. On today's program insert you can read about **Alpha** (it's not too late to join). The insert references even more details you can find in the spring edition of CTK Life. Sign up today at the Connection Point.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have someone in the group read Galatians 2:17-21 out loud. What sticks out to you?
- 2) Paul is confronting those who want to return to "the law." Have you ever experienced this? Explain.
- 3) What do you think it means in verse 20 when Paul says: "I have been crucified with Christ?"
- 4) Which do you think is easier: living by the law or living by faith? Why?
- 5) Would you describe your spiritual life as "full of freedom?" Why or why not?
- 6) Pray for one another that you would follow Christ with all your heart!