

May it Never Be!  
An abhorrent, false conclusion

Galatians 2:17-19

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May it Never Be!

**Galatians 2:17** (NASB)

“But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be!

- Sharing table fellowship with Gentile believers does not make them (Paul & Peter) sinners
- They are sinners, but no more so than any believers who have found grace and mercy
- Christ has not led us to sin, but shown us our great need for the cross

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Two rebuild the wall of separation would  
make one a law-breaker

**Galatians 2:18** (NASB)

For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,” (**Ephesians 2:14**)

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At conversion Paul (and we) died to law

**Galatians 2:19** (HCSB)

For through the law I have died to the law, so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ

- This means “released from the jurisdiction of law”
- The promises found in the Law pointed to Christ, not law-keeping
- Crucified with Christ means death to the old life (era) and then newness of life

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Death to the old and new resurrection life

**Galatians 2:19 b** (HCSB)

I have been crucified with Christ

- Christ’s death was unique and once for all
- Peter’s hypocrisy effectively denied this
- Law works have been decisively put to death as hope for salvation

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**Implications and Applications**

- The *solas* cannot imply living in sin (may it never be)
- We need to know we died to law and cannot go back
- Living to God in Christ is the result of death and resurrection

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The *solas* cannot imply living in sin (may it never be)

Romans 6:1, 2 (NASB)

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

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The *solas* cannot imply living in sin (may it never be)

Romans 6:14, 15 (NASB)

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

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We need to know we died to law and cannot go back

Acts 13:38, 39 (HCSB)

Therefore, let it be known to you, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, and everyone who believes in Him is justified from everything that you could not be justified from through the law of Moses.

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We need to know we died to law and cannot go back

**Romans 7:4** (NASB)

Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

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**Living to God in Christ is the result of death and resurrection**

**Romans 8:3, 4** (NASB)

For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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**Living to God in Christ is the result of death and resurrection**

**1Peter 1:22, 23** (NASB)

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

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