

September 9, 2018 – Galatians 2

TRUE GRACE



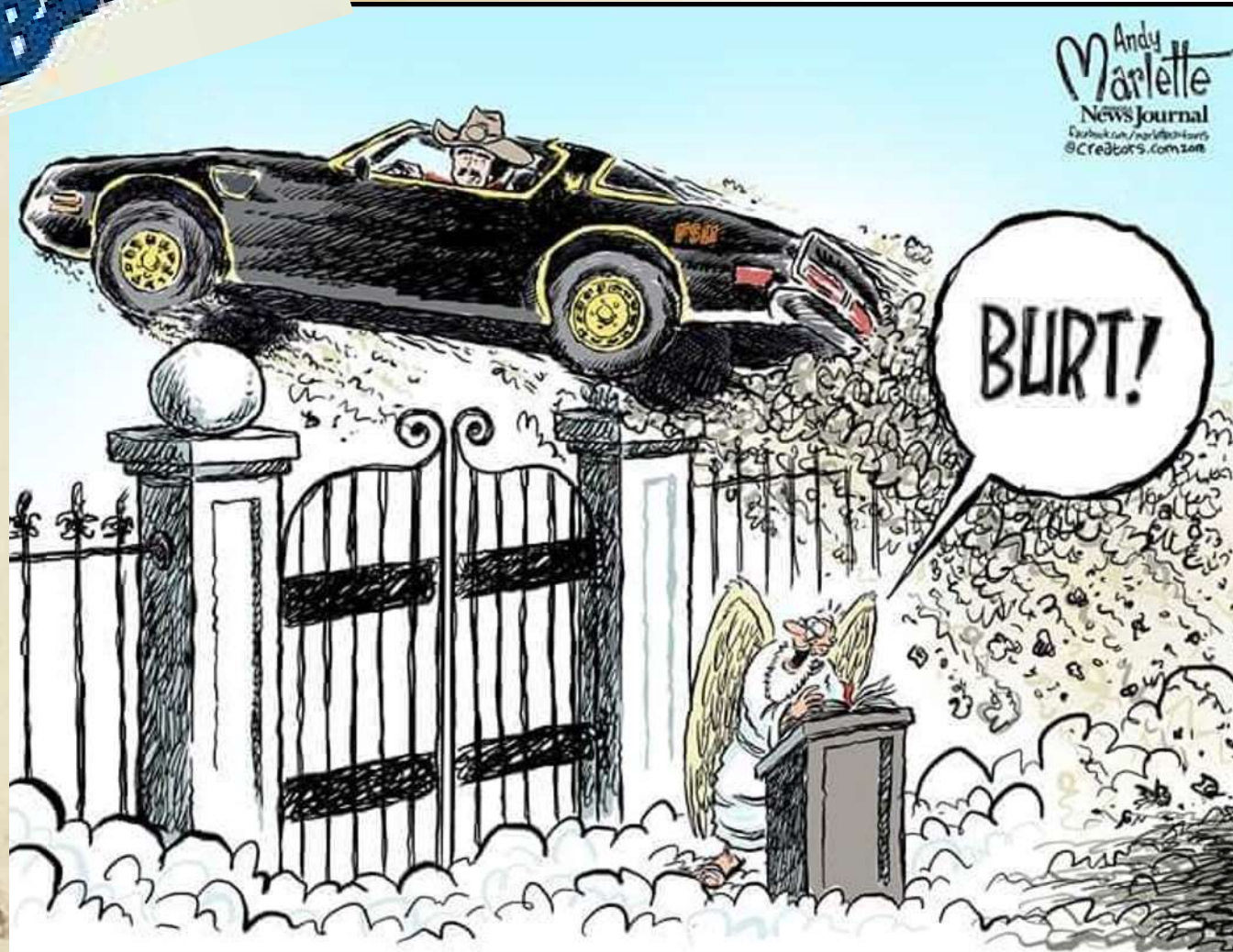
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**Faith in
Christ**

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News Brief ... *and the angel said*



**Plain White
Wrapper**

**No Respect
for the LAW**





Galatians

Sept 2	True Gospel	1	No Other under Heaven
 Sept 9	True Grace	2	How Many Puny Pillars Did Pugnacious Paul Pillory?
Sept 16	True Life	3a	Righteous Live by Faith
Sept 23	True Heirs	3b	Faith Sets Free, Priority of the Promise
Sept 30	True Freedom	4	Remember the Hug, Priority of the Hug
Oct 7	True Fruit	5	Flesh vs. Spirit, Love One Another Fast Flee the Fiery Flesh Fancy Not the Fickle Flesh
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Theme

True grace is no respector of persons



Galatians

1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles

2:11-14 Confronted by Truth – Feared the Circumcision

2:15-18 Justified by Grace – Faith in Christ, Not Works

2:19-21 Crucified with Christ – Christ *LIVES* in Me!



Key Verse – Galatians 2:20

**I have been crucified
with Christ,
and I no longer live,
but Christ LIVES in me.**



Alternative Title

**How Many
Puny Pillars
Did Pugnacious Paul
Pillory?**



1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles
Any other gospel ... deserved God's Curse

Anathema

With the **Crystal Clear Curse** behind us ...

Powerful Pugnacious Paul reinforces

¹⁰ NOT trying to please men

¹¹ gospel I preached is NOT of human origin

¹² received it by revelation from Jesus Christ

¹³⁻¹⁷ my previous life ... mother set me apart
then I went into Arabia ...

Paul implies a LOT of Prayer



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1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles

**¹⁸ After three years ... to Jerusalem to Peter
... stayed with him 15 days ...**

¹⁹ Only saw James, Lord's brother ...

**²⁰ I assure you before God that what
I am writing you is no LIE.**

Powerful pugnacious Paul continues his TALE

²¹⁻²² Syria, Cilicia ... to churches unknown ...

**²³ They only heard, "Man who formerly
persecuted ... NOW preaching the faith"**

²⁴ And they PRAISED God because of me.



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10:24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles

2:1 After 14 years ... to Jerusalem w Barnabas

Meets privately with *esteemed* leaders

Titus *NOT* compelled to be circumcised

This matter arose because some

false believers had **INFILTRATED** our ranks
to **SPY** on the freedom we have in Christ

And to make us **SLAVES**.

WHAT Freedom? ... to **NOT** be **CUT**!

We did **NOT** give into them for
a moment, so that truth of the
gospel might be preserved for you.



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1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles

⁶ As for those of high *esteem* ... bah humbug
No difference to me ...

⁷ They recognized I'd been entrusted to preach

⁸ God who was at work in Peter to circumcised
... at work in ME as apostle to Gentiles

Then we have this historical insight

⁹ James, Cephas (Peter), John, those
esteemed as **PILLARS**

PILLARS of First Church of Jerusalem are

James, Peter, John



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1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles

⁹ James, Peter, John, those esteemed as

PILLARS

gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the GRACE given to me ...

This important section of Galatians ... is a BRIEF outline on how Paul's preaching was


CONFIRMED by the PILLARS

Leaders of N.T. Church see God's HAND on

Powerful Pugnacious Paul



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1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles
Importantly ... Paul is brought into the

Pillars' Inner Circle

God ordained Paul to help Lead the Church
Closing this section ... Paul notes

¹⁰ All they asked was that we should continue
to remember the poor, the very thing
I had been eager to do all along.

You know Honda autos were popular in N.T.
Apostles all drove in

"One Accord"



1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles
So after this meeting ... that **SOME** see as

Acts 15 Jerusalem Council

As mentioned ... we believe Galatians **BEFORE**
this auspicious, pivotal first Church Council
YET they conclude in **ONE Accord** ... even

¹⁰ **REMEMBERING** the poor ...

Paul has proven his credentials ... **AND**
Will do so much more ...





1:10-24 to 2:10 Paul's Ministry from Judaism to Gentiles
You **MUST** take away from these 24 verses

Pillars INCLUDE Paul

Peter was the eldest in Jerusalem ... and
Peter & James the TOP Doggies ... Authorities

Yet, God ordained Paul, too – **WATCH Out!**
Powerful Pugnacious Paul is **BECOMING** the

Greatest Champion

Through Acts we see that ... **WATCH OUT!**

Paul's recalls his pugnacity in Jerusalem ...

Paul powerfully puts forth points **HERE**



2:11-14 Confronted by Truth – Feared the Circumcision
Hold your breath ... this is NOT for the faint
Not for squeamish ... or timid ... or passive

**¹¹ When Cephas came to Antioch,
I opposed him to his face,
because he stood condemned.**

In the context of the Crystal Clear Curse ...
Paul is in War Party mood to the Galatians

Pugnacious Protector of the Realm

Paul will NOT have the Galatians confused
Not have them Cornered or bullied



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Kingdom Cutters were **BULLIES**

w a pair of scissors



Think of it like this ...

Kingdom Cutters are like

Buford T. Justice

Upholding the LAW

PAUL is ILLEGAL

Paul is like the **Bandit** ...

On a MISSION



Loooosely
speaking 😊

Burford on the Bandit:

What we are dealing with here is a COMPLETE

Lack of Respect for the LAW



2:11-14 Confronted by Truth – Feared the Circumcision

Kingdom Cutters had BULLIED

Pillars of the Church

Pillars Circumcised a Second Time

**¹² For before certain men came from James,
he *USED* to eat with the Gentiles.**

**HOW very sad ... PILLARS became PUNY
Pugnacious Paul is relating & retelling
precisely what those Puny PILLARS did**

It is the SADDEST day of New Church



**Paul actually
Respects the LAW**

**Yet ...
he is FREED
from the Law too**

**Paul's going to
Free the Galatians**

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2:11-14 Confronted by Truth – Feared the Circumcision

Kingdom Cutters had BULLIED the

***PILLARS* of the Church**



NOW LISTEN closely to this SAD, SAD Story

**¹² For before certain men came from James,
he *USED* to eat with the Gentiles.**

**But when they arrived, he began to DRAW
BACK & SEPARATE himself from the Gentiles
because he was *AFRAID* of those who
belonged to the circumcision group.**

Paul Pillories the Puny Pillars



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Here is a rendition of a circa 1600 Puritan Prisoner Pillory



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2:11-14 Confronted by Truth – Feared the Circumcision

That just leaves us with one question

Just how many

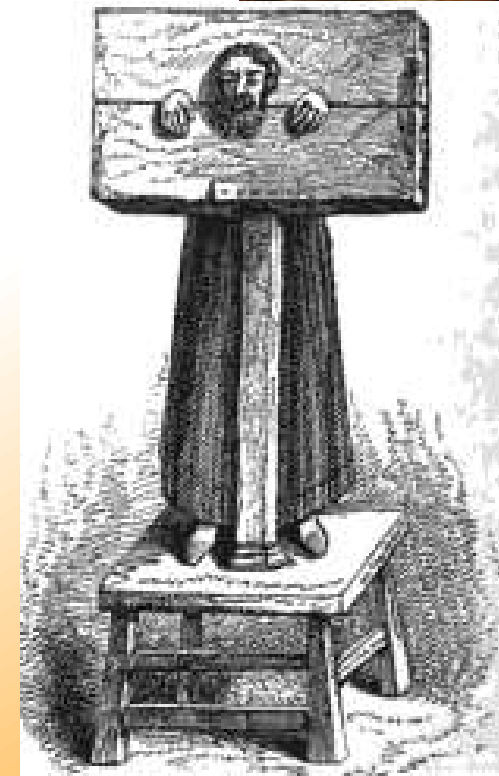
Pitifully Puny Church Pillars did
Powerful Pugnacious Paul Pillory

Answer:

Just as many Puny Pillars as the
Pugnacious Paul could Pillory

And pillory he did ... as he tells us in
this most *exquisite letter* to the

Galatian Churches



606
636)
pain

2:11-14 Confronted by Truth – Feared the Circumcision

As Preposterous as is the Kingdom Cutters’

Pounded Propaganda

Pugnacious Paul pleases us w his Poetic Plot

**¹⁴ When I saw that they were not acting
in line with the TRUTH of the gospel,
I said to Cephas in front of THEM ALL,
“You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile
and not like a Jew.**

**How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to
follow Jewish customs?”**



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2:15-18 Justified by Grace – Faith in Christ, Not Works

**Paul continues his MESSAGE to Peter
with Galatians readers in rapt attendance**

**15-16 We who are Jews by birth and
not sinful Gentiles know that a person is
not justified by the works of the law,
but by faith in Jesus Christ.**

**So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus
that we may be justified by faith in Christ and
not by the works of the law, because by the
works of the law NO ONE will be justified.**

Rest of Galatian Letter expounds this



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Paul clarifies ... though roughly ...

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**.

Circumcision is DESTROYED in Christ

If they renew “CUTTING to be saved,”

they truly are

Law Breakers



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2:19-21 Crucified with Christ – Christ Lives in Me!

**Then as Paul relates what he said to Peter
To Peter's face in Jerusalem WITH the rest of
the Pitiful Puny Pillars listening *Patiently*
HERE repeated for the Churches in Galatia:**

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

**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.**



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2:19-21 Crucified with Christ – Christ Lives in Me!

That is the MEANING of the Gospel

**That is what HAPPENED on the Cross
what HAPPENED when the Universe SHOOK**


Move over Nike ✓ ... Jesus Christ “did it ALL!”

Believe in something.


Even it means sacrificing everything.

Just do it!

**Paul outlines how Christ Shook the Universe
Verses FAMILIER to us, it Profits us to Ponder
their Profound Purpose**



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2:19-21 Crucified with Christ – Christ Lives in Me!

TO Peter, **TO** Puny Pillars, **TO** Galatians, **TO** us

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

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.

So familiar, so popular, often quoted ...

Profound



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2:19-21 Crucified with Christ – Christ Lives in Me!

**So PROFOUND ... Paul will expound on these
for the rest of his precious letter**

**¹⁹ “For through the law I DIED to the law
so that I might LIVE for God.**

Grab a hold of that ...

DIED to the Law ... to LIVE for God

Law ... in strict compliance ... HEAVY

Check Marks ALL DAY Long (no thanks to Nike)

DIED to the Law ... so that WHAT?

I could LIVE for God

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2:19-21 Crucified with Christ – Christ Lives in Me!

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

NO One can keep the whole Law PERFECTLY

**No One is *N E A R* the
Competence of Christ**

- ✓ Not that the Law has no relevance
- ✓ Not that Perfect Obedience has changed

NOW—the ✓ “Check List” is replaced with

LIVING for God



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

HOW do you “LIVE for God”?

Paul Proposes the Profoundest Postulation:

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and
I no longer LIVE, but Christ LIVES in me.

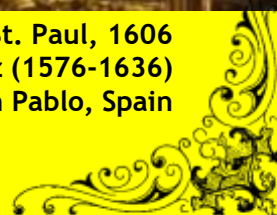
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Stunningly ... Superlatively ... Exquisitely

PROFOUND



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Crucified WITH Christ

- ✓ Not **LITERALLY** ... Paul still lived
- ✓ Not fully **EMOTIONALLY** ... as if Paul **FELT**
 - Even Paul cannot fully **HURT** with Christ
 - A parent cannot fully **HURT** w child
- ✓ Not fully **FORENSICALLY** ... as in Law court
 - as **ONLY** Christ could pay the debt
 - as **ONLY** Christ could redeem

How was Paul *Crucified with Christ*—he tells us

I no longer live, but Christ **LIVES** in me.

Paul's Pharisaic Life DIED w Christ



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²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and
I no longer LIVE, but Christ LIVES in me.

Not only did the OLD Life **DIE** ... but

Christ LIVES in me

How is this? ... What does this MEAN?

Oh, I know ... *Kumbaya, my Lord*

Oh, I know ... *I dreamed of ONE set of
footprints in the sand*

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Not only did the OLD Life **DIE** ... but

Christ LIVES in me

How is this? ... What does this MEAN?

Let me tell you what it does **NOT MEAN!**

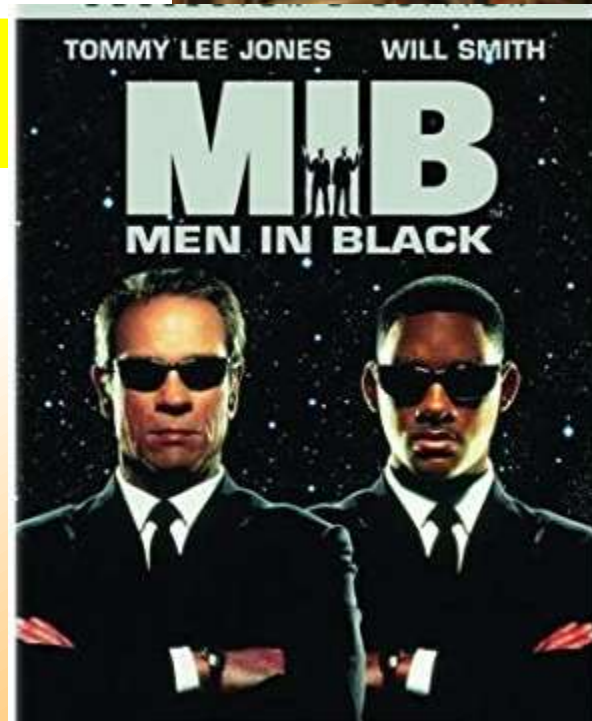
Have you seen the movie *Men in Black*?

The government officials in charge of
Policing Aliens on Poor Earth

Probably *not* be for everyone ...

Yet, there is an ALIEN of interest

oh ... not this little fellow



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As the fate of the universe is in the hands of
Men in Black

And new guy Will Smith is apprenticing

They meet a Professor-looking-man

As the plot unfolds, guess what?

This fellow is just a ROBOT

With a ... you guessed it

There is a Little Fellow

LIVING INSIDE



Look see ... Peek a Boooo
the Men in Black ... meet this Little Guy

Cute little alien living **INSIDE** ...

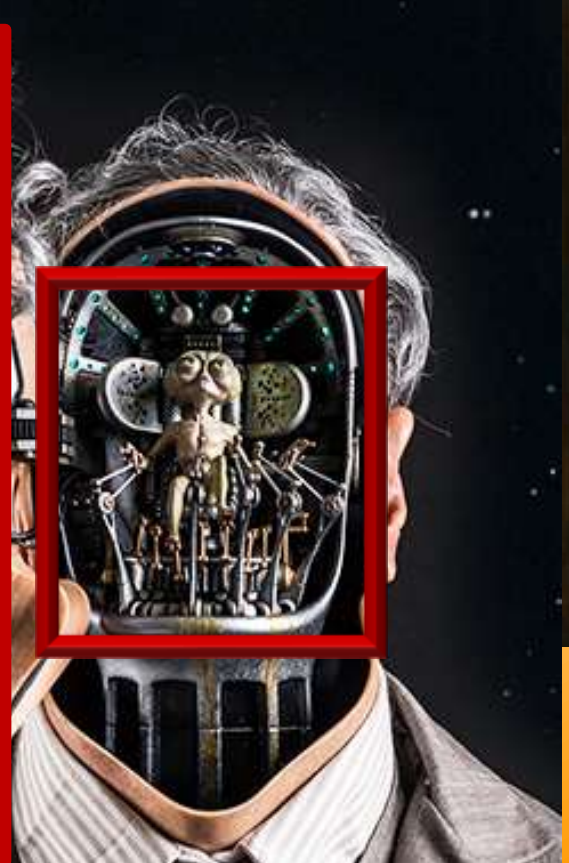
Manning CONTROLS

Speaker Phone

This little Lever ...
Moves Arms ...

This Lever
the MOUTH

I could use help there



This is **NOT ... nada ...**

Christ LIVING in YOU

Christ is NOT a little man INSIDE

You might find this funny ...

- ❖ Might NOT be funny ...
- ❖ SHOULD NOT be too funny ..

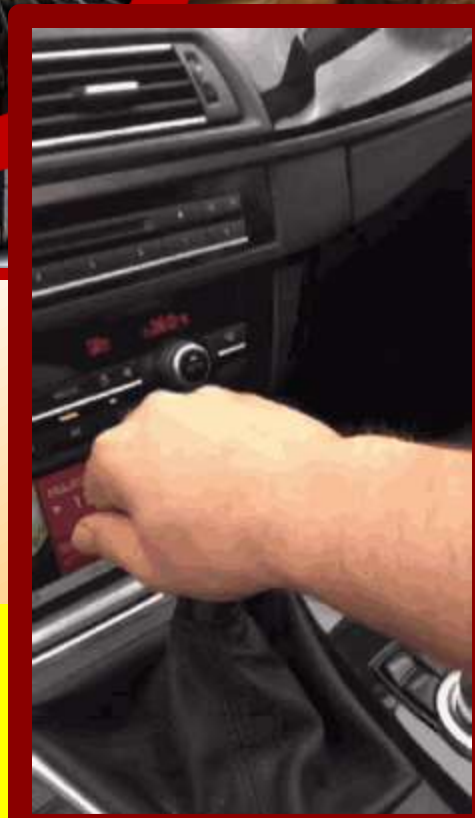
Yet there is a **HORRID** misunderstanding

Christ does NOT Live in you & me MOVING

Little Levers



YOU MOVE your own LEVERS





What does it mean ...

Christ LIVES in ME

Theologians have pondered the mysteries

Body, Soul, Spirit ... how they relate

Scripture gives a enough to WONDER

Body perishes ... we are promised a new one

Our Spirits can be crushed ... hearts broken

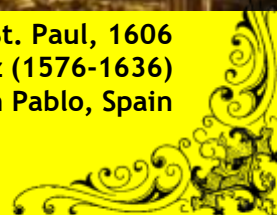
Soul is ETERNAL ... however you look

Stunningly ... Superlatively ... Exquisitely

Eternal Soul



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Christ LIVES in ME

Cause I have ETERNAL Life ... part of

Christ's OWN Life

Through the Holy Spirit ... my spirit connects
FIGURE all that OUT? ... no sir, no ma'am

NOT this side of heaven

We MIGHT NOT figure it ALL out even in

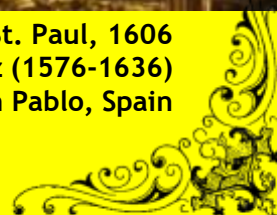
Heaven

Stunningly ... Superlatively ... Exquisitely

Eternal SOUL



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What does it mean ...

Christ LIVES in ME

Well ... **THANK YOU** Apostle Saint Paul

Paul does NOT leave us adrift ... read on

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.

Christ LOVED YOU

Cost Him EVERYTHING



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Paul *continues* explaining thru Galatians

Notice how often the word “Gospel” appears

Oh ... first, “Gospel” from Anglo-Saxon

“**God Spell**” ... for “**Word of God**”

Or, others say, “God Spell” = Good News

“Gospel” preferred translation of Greek word

Evangelion = literally **Good Message**, or **NEWS**

Eu – Good & *angel* = Message

Now then, “Gospel” – “Good Message/News”

13x in Galatians

1:6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 23; 2:2, 5, 7, 14; 3:8; 4:13



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Paul *continues* explaining thru Galatians
Notice the **ESSENCE** of the “Gospel”:


Man NOT justified by the Law,
But ONLY through FAITH in Christ

In Galatians, how many times *rephrased*?
7x in Galatians

2:16, 21; 3:9, 11; 4:2-6; 5:2-6; 6:14-16

Gospel = Good Message = Good News
THIS IS IT

Justified by FAITH in Christ



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Notice also how “Gospel” is used

Acts 20:24: Gospel of the GRACE of God

Matthew 4:23 Gospel of the KINGDOM

Romans 1:16 Gospel of CHRIST

Paul in Ephesians 1:13

Gospel of SALVATION

Paul in Ephesians 6:15 doubles up *sublimely*

Glorious Gospel

Everlasting Gospel



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Paul *continues* explaining thru Galatians
7x rephrased the **ESSENCE** in Galatians:

**Man NOT justified by the Law,
But ONLY through FAITH in Christ**

Yes, brothers and sisters

Christs LIVES in YOU
through your inscrutably ... mysteriously

Stunningly ... Superlatively ... Exquisitely

Eternal SOUL



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Once understood ... if the Galatians ...

Or... if we OURSELVES grasp these ...

²¹ I do not set aside the GRACE of God,
for if righteousness could be
gained through the law,

Christ died for nothing!”

Almost conclusive ... almost enough ...

Yet Paul continues for FOUR more chapters

Glorious Gospel

Everlasting Gospel



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**Now see Rehearsed and Refreshed
Paul's Profoundly Precious Postulation:**

**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.**

Ponder these verses ...

Rest of Galatians clarifies more and more

Let me sum it all up for you



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**Powerful Pugnacious Paul faced
Peter, James, John ... Church's Great PILLARS
After the Kingdoms Cutters' Propaganda
Had CUT again the circumcised PILLARS
Turning Church LEADERS into PUNY PILLARS
Paul faced the Preposterous Propaganda
Pugnacious Paul PILLORIED Puny PILLARS
Punished Kingdom Cutter's Propaganda
Offered a Profoundly Precious Postulation**

Justified SOLELY by Faith in Christ

