

## **Galatians 2:11-21**

### **Defending Faith**

Good morning Church, it is great to be here with you all this morning.

So, before we get into our study this morning, I want to make an announcement.

On Thursday evening, a decision was made, as we believe the Lord is leading us in the direction of adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> Service.

We wanted to give some time to implement this change here in the ministry, so our ministry leaders can start planning and praying.

So, we decided to start this in February, after the Holidays, and after our big Israel trip.

The start of this will be February 5<sup>th</sup>... Which for some of us is our 7 year anniversary of coming over here.

I know that there are many of you who are new here, who have voiced your eagerness to start serving, and I believe God brought you here for such a time as this.

I want to encourage you to get your applications in even if you have some time before your 6 months is up...

That way when we get to February we can turn you loose in the various ministries that God is calling you too.

The service times in February will change to 1<sup>st</sup> Service at 8:00am, where there will be no Children's Ministry at the start...

Then 2<sup>nd</sup> service will be at 9:45am, with Jr. High and Children's Ministry, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Service will be at 11:30am...

Some of you, I know because it has been voiced to me, will appreciate the earlier service times, and others of you will appreciate a little later start, and we anticipate still that second service will be the busiest and that usually happens.

We are still praying what service to put Spanish Ministry.

There is still a lot of planning that needs to go into this...

But we will print new material for you all to hand out to the community, so you can help get the Word out before February.

I ask that you please keep these changes in your prayers... We have 3 and half months to get ready for this, and it will be a Body Effort to do this.

We are grateful for the growth of the Church, and we are clinging to Jesus, following His lead in all of this...

The Lord has spoken pretty profoundly, and if I am honest with you, He is leading me past my own comforts and what I wanted...

This is a step of faith, but the conversation with the Elders was the final confirmation for me, there were two particular Words spoken at the table that night that confirmed to me that this is a step we need to take.

So, spread the Word, and please receive this news with excitement, as we look ahead to all that God will do in this corner of Victorville.

Now, that this was said, you all came today to hear God's Word, so let's get into it.

Today, we are going to continue our verse by verse study of the Book of Galatians.

We are in Chapter 2 today, and we will start in verse 11 and work our way through verse 21.

Let's read our text, and then we will come back through and break it a part verse by verse.

### **No Return to the Law**

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14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which 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 set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Let's Pray...

Now, remember some important details here.

The Galatian Churches were a group of Churches in different parts of the region of Galatia.

They had received the Gospel of Grace with hearts wide open when Paul came to their region.

They began their relationship with Jesus through Faith and by Grace.

Remember the Gospel of Grace is a simple message.

**Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.**

Now, they had begun in faith, but after some time, the Judaizers showed up and taught them that they must also observe the Law and Traditions of the Jews in order to truly be saved, or to maintain their salvation or to receive blessings from the Lord.

Paul was writing this Epistle or Letter to them to remind them of their first love, and to return to the place from which they came.

Paul clarified the Gospel Message to them, remember Gospel means Good News, and it is Good News to hear that Jesus did all that was necessary for us to find salvation.

It would not be good news to hear that we also need to toe the line of the Law to maintain our salvation.

We would all fail, every day.

Paul warned those in Galatia to not be deceived by these alterations to the True message.

Even though these false teachers were coming in this supposed authority of the Jerusalem Church, they were to be rejected.

Remember the severity of staying true to the simple Gospel message that Paul spoke of...

He said in... **Gal. 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.**

The Apostle Paul went on to talk about how the issue of the Law had been resolved at the very first Church Council that took place in Jerusalem.

And as we discussed last week, this meeting from Acts Chapter 15, took place with the leading Apostles, including Peter, John, and even James, Jesus' half-brother, who Paul called the Pillars of the Church.

Also, we saw that Paul and Barnabas were given the right hand of fellowship, and were approved for the ministry unto the Gentiles or Non-Jews.

Now, as we finish out Chapter 2 today, we will see Paul will go on the defense about our Faith, and he will speak of a time where he even had to confront the Great Apostle Peter.

He had to remind this Pillar of the Church that a believer is declared justified before a Holy God through Faith and not through works of the Law...

It will be an incredible Defense of the Facts as he defends our Faith.

It is important to have the details presented truthfully, to give the facts...

This week, on Thursday, I picked up Freedom my son from his friend's house, and he was telling me about his day at school.

And he said, "Dad, I tried to tell the kids in my class about the time I swallowed a quarter on accident, and no one believed me, I need proof."

Then he asked if when we got home if I could print out the picture of the x-ray I took in the hospital.

### Picture #1

He sat with me at the computer and said, "I need 10 of those pictures, for each kid in the class."

So, I printed them, he went and stuffed them in his backpack for show-and-tell on Friday.

He had proof, the facts, and I did one even greater for him, when I dropped him off that morning, right in front of all of his friends, I said, "Make sure you show them the picture of that time you swallowed the quarter."

Free grinned, and all of his friend's mouths opened up, and they said, "Wow, it is true."

I guess in Kindergarten that is a great story.

But I was proud of Free, determined to present the facts, and he even had a witness stand up for him, he was telling the truth.

And this morning, as Paul continues on, he will present some pretty hefty facts, and there would be many witnesses to what he states here, making this portion of scripture very important, and super valid.

It is the battle of the Titans here, Peter, who the first part of Acts centers its attention on, and Luke records in the second part of Acts, Paul's endeavors, which were almost a mirror of all that Peter did.

So, let's look at the facts here...

Look now starting in verse 11...

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So, Paul now advances in his timeline of Church history.

After he and Barnabas brought news of all that was happening in the Gentiles in Antioch to the leaders in Jerusalem, Peter decided to go see it all for himself.

He came and caught up with Paul and Barnabas there, where the original dispute between the Judaizers and Paul had taken place.

Remember the Judaizers were trying add the Law to salvation.

Now, Antioch had become kind of a headquarters for the early Church, it also seemed to have become Paul's home Church.

The missionary journeys were launched from there, and there were many people in Antioch whom Paul loved, and they too loved Paul.

And it is good Peter went to see what was happening for himself, Peter had himself a special history with the Gentiles as well.

He had his own personal lesson from the Lord in Acts Chapter 10 with a Gentile named Cornelius, who was a Centurion, a Roman Soldier and leader who was a seeker of truth.

God met this man in his seeking, as God often does, and God sent an angel to this man Cornelius to tell him to go and send for Peter, this devout Jewish man.

At the same time, Peter is on a rooftop praying, and his stomach starts to growl, from the hunger pains, and he falls into a dream like state of mind.

And Peter gets a vision which details a historic lesson directly from God.

We get the details in **Acts 10:10-16** Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance 11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." 15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." 16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Meanwhile, Cornelius had sent messengers to Peter, and they arrive at this point, and Peter goes with them to preach the Gospel and the whole household of Cornelius was saved.

Peter had already learned once that if God called food or even people clean, then they were clean and this was beyond the Law of Moses, but through this covenant of Grace.

And Peter had witnessed an incredible move of God, and a life change, many lives changed, because this Good News was proven to be for Gentiles as well as Jews.

The Holy Spirit came upon them, and was in them, and they were water baptized, and then Peter stayed and fellowshiped with them for many days.

This of course was a direct violation of the Jewish traditions, because Jews had no dealings with the Gentiles, and to eat with them was such an intimate thing then.

Dipping their bread with one another meant that they were unified.

So, Peter had this incredible lesson, and here fast forward to Antioch, and Peter once again is probably remembering that incredible time, and he is fellowshiping with the Gentiles, once again maybe eating some pork sausage and maybe some bacon, and enjoying the Freedom God had once taught him about.

And we can imagine the great Apostle Peter was received as a celebrity, everyone wanted to hear his firsthand accounts, and his description of Pentecost, and all the details of his calling there by the Sea of Galilea.

He would have the pulpit, and after church would be enjoying the fellowship, and it would have been incredible... until...

The Jews from Jerusalem arrived... James had sent certain men, word was getting back that Peter was getting out of hand, and setting a bad example...

And goodness when they arrived they were appalled at Peter's behavior, how indignant they would have been, to see Peter lower himself to this behavior.

And they put the pressure on, and were able to pull Peter away from the wonderful fellowship that he was enjoying with his Gentile brethren.

The legalist who came into Antioch caused Peter and even Barnabas to reject the truth of what they had both learned.

How it would have broken Paul's heart to see these two with no backbone, Barnabas once stood with Paul against these types, and Peter knew better.

But I have always marveled at the power and sway of legalism in the Church.

Chuck Swindoll wrote... "No one is immune to the allure of legalism, with its glittering promise of membership in the holier-than-thou club..."<sup>1</sup>

And we have to be careful to judge Peter and Barnabas too harshly, because it is ignorance to think that we would not fall to the same trap as these early Apostles.

They were drawn in because there is something within the heart of man that we are just more spiritual than

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/eng/cbb/galatians-2.html>

others when we do more religious activities than others.

And we all have been there at one time, and we all have known those who have been duped by religious elitism and legalism.

Even though their motives may be pure, like drawing closer to the Lord, they ultimately end up feeling as Swindoll stated, "Holier-than-thou."

**It is interesting... gym and diet... Bible and prayer...**

Be ever mindful and vigilant Church, and be careful to not allow yourself to be drawn into this mindset of the Law helping you to have a superior spiritual condition.

Paul notices this hypocrisy or play-acting on Peter's part, and Paul is bold here, he does not wait until after the Church service is over, but between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> service here, he calls out Peter so to speak.

And he does not do this in a secret place, but with all eyes to see, because this was just too important of a moment to not teach the Church openly about what was happening.

I imagine his tone was loving and sincere, but ever so stern.

Look now at verse 14...

14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of

## Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?

So, because Peter was sinning openly, he receives an open rebuke, “before them all,” which would be an opportunity for Paul to also confront the Judaizers sent from James.

Paul rebukes Peter and his choice to resort back to the burden of the Law, and separate himself from the Gentiles, really creating a second class Christian.

People would have been wondering what happened, why all the sudden was Peter not taking invitations and coming around anymore.

Why, when just days earlier he was sitting with them, enjoying fellowship and laughter and Koinonia and now he is separating himself from only a segment of the Church.

Now, why did Peter do this? He should have sent messengers back to James telling him to “Kick Rocks.”

After-all Peter himself, saw firsthand how Jesus handled these religious phonies when He ministered here on earth.

Peter had a three and half year firsthand witness of how Jesus despised this very thing.

But we see really the downfall of a person when they fear man instead of God.

When a person gets caught in this trap of people pleasing, goodness it is a quick way down... because people are never pleased.

Heb. 13:6 So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

And Church, we really need to keep our eyes on the Lord and on His Word and we need to fight to maintain sound doctrine.

People can be very persuasive and super convincing in their attempts to lead us away.

And Paul next will confront Peter with truths that he would already know and should have stood on when these messengers of James came into town.

Verse 15...

15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

And again, there is just this draw within us to pursue and prove our own worth in regards to salvation.

We try to balance out the good in our life against the bad that we have done, and when we have a day that we are not so good, we just feel bad about it all.

So, I decide I am going to go feed some needy people in the community, to do some random acts of kindness, or maybe I will make some dietary commitment, or some other sacrifice.

And we do this to tip the scale in the good direction, so that God will bless us.

And this was the foundation for Jewish justification, and it is still present within the Church today, this idea that if I live up to the Law, then God will bless me more than these other less pious Christians.

Even in the more modern form of Judaism, and even the Christian sects of Judaism still do this today.

You see the Day of Atonement, which is Yom Kipper, on our calendars this year it was a couple weeks ago, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

But this used to be a day where the High Priest would offer the sacrifice by going into the Holy of Holies and he would intercede for himself and the entire nation, on this one day of the year.

He would sacrifice a goat for the sin offering, and release another goat, which was called the scapegoat, and this ceremony entailed great meaning.

But, today, when the Jews celebrate the Day of Atonement, there is no Temple, so there is no sacrifice.

Instead, now on Yom Kipper, they spend the day in reflection, they meditate on the year past, and they will think of the bad things that they have done.

Then they will think of the good things that they have done.

The selfless acts and their kindness to others, and even the money they donated to good causes.

And in their minds they have scale to see if they have sufficiently atoned for their sinful actions for the year.

But this is manmade, and even beyond their own laws.

The writer of Hebrews reveals...

Heb. 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

It is interesting because the Jewish prophet Isaiah said,

Isa 64:6 But we are all like an unclean *thing*,  
And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags;  
We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the  
wind, Have taken us away.

On our very best day, where our good has outweighed our bad, our own good works are nothing more than filthy rags.

So, the reality of their Day of Atonement today is simply meaningless.

Because the religious are trying to be justified by their own good works and their own ability to be righteous. Paul reaffirms here to Peter that by the works of the law no flesh could be justified.

So, the reality is, is there is no greater blessing promised to those who follow and obey the Law, the blessing comes to us through Grace today.

I have taught you this before, but justified can be remembered by the saying, Just if I'd never sinned.

God sees us blameless through our faith in Jesus, and God chooses to treat me as if I had never sinned, even though I have and even still fall short.

Let that truth wash over you this morning, those of you sitting here this morning feeling condemned and guilt ridden.

Your faith in Jesus, frees you from that burden. It is the goodness of God that leads to repentance, the news of it all, the Freedom that we have in Christ, causes us to want to live for Christ, because of all that He has done for us.

His love is something we don't deserve, but He gives it to us anyway, through His Son Jesus Christ.

Look now at verse 17... Paul continues on in his speech to Peter.

17 "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build again

those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

Keep in your mind that Paul is still speaking publically here, making his case to Peter and even in front of those Jews from Jerusalem.

He is using this incident to confront further what is taking place in the Churches in Galatia.

And he is arguing against the Jews arguments that Grace alone was not sufficient for salvation.

Because if Grace saved, and I sin again, then that would make Jesus the author of my sin...

Paul says "Certainly Not!" or God Forbid.... In the KJV Paul answers this expected question by saying "Yes, we do seek to be justified by Christ, because Jesus plus anything, Grace plus anything, is false religion."

And he admits that yes, we are sinners, that we will still sin, even though we stand justified by Jesus.

But all of this does not make Jesus the author or approver of our sin in our lives.

He is not a minister of sin.

Paul says, "For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor."

Which would be a powerful statement to the Jewish mind.

If Paul were to build again a way to God through the adherence of the Law of Moses, and the Jewish Traditions, then he would not have Grace and would indeed make himself a transgressor.

These certain men from James had this idea that you had to hang on to the Law and Traditions, for themselves, and even to impose them on the Gentiles. They thought that you needed to control sin through outward religion.

Yet, Paul shows them by putting themselves back under the Law, that they were sinning worse than when they were unbelievers, because Grace would be voided out.

It is interesting, because James ultimately wrote himself,

**James 2:10, 13 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all... Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

And this is the reality for anyone who sets out to chase after the Law, and for those who succumb to that legalistic mindset, it is either all or nothing.

A person will set out to be more spiritual and ultimately come off even being worse than they were before.

To be justified by our faith then to return to the Law, the legal system, as a basis for the blessings we receive

from God would mistakenly imply that Christ's death was not sufficient.

Paul says the situation in Antioch with Peter was a clear picture of an unnecessary burden that some wanted to put over the Gentile Christians.

Peter, by falling to this pressure to separate himself from Gentile fellowship was once again reviving the Law and giving it a place of authority, a place that it no longer held and Peter was in the wrong.

Paul will now go on to illustrate from his own personal example, and through his own identity with the Law, before Christ, because remember Paul was a Pharisee, and steeped in the Law at one point.

Verse 19 now...

19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

This is one of those verses we often come to, one of the great literary statements and great doctrinal truths from the tip of Paul's pen.

He says that he died himself to the Law, he was crucified with Christ.

Chuck Smith in his commentary on this passage says this.... "The law has no power over me. Let's say that in

a moment of desperation, pressed by bills that I could not pay, in desperation I go to the bank with a baseball cap turned backwards, with dark glasses.

And I give a note to the teller that says, fill this bag with hundred dollar bills or I'll shoot you. And I rob that bank. But in trying to escape one of the tellers presses a silent alarm. As I went out, I found the police outside with drawn guns. I throw down the bag of money. I raise my hands and I surrender to the officers. I am taken to jail and I'm booked. And I am tried and I am found guilty.

I was caught red-handed. So the judge says, five to twenty years in the state prison. And so as they are sending me to the state prison, the bus that I am in is hit by a train. I am killed. Are they going to take my carcass up to San Quentin and put it in a cell for five years, because that's the sentence of the court for my crime? Death ends the guilty sentence. That's the end of the matter. Death has finished it. The old life, I'm guilty. I violated the law, but now I'm crucified with Christ, therefore the penalties are negated! The law has no more power or say so over me because I've crucified with Christ and thus I'm released from the law that had condemned me to death!"<sup>2</sup>

So you see in our Old Life, we are guilty of sin, because we violated God's Law.

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<sup>2</sup> Tape 8165 Gal2, Chuck Smith, C7000 series, 12/02/1999

But now, Crucified with Christ the penalty of the law is cancelled.

The Law has no more power or say over our lives, because we are crucified with Christ, meaning we are released from that very law that condemned us to death.

Please understand what Paul is teaching here, that the Christian Life, which is Made New in Christ, has no room in it for the Law and all that bondage to regulations.

Jesus took the penalty of our failures upon Himself, our debt was paid in full.

So, does this mean we have a license to sin, to live as we please now, since it will all be washed away by Christ's sacrifice anyway?

Paul gives a very vivid answer to this question in **Rom 5:20-21** Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, **21** so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If our sin abounded under the Law, then Grace abounded much more under Jesus.

Paul went on to say in

**Rom 6:1-2** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

You see according to Paul's doctrine here, it is simply ridiculous to think that it is okay to continue in sin, because God is so Graceful.

Again to this he says, Certainly Not, or God Forbid. When we are saved by Grace, we then understand what it cost the Lord to save us.

And continuing in sin does not make Grace abound more and more, but it more shows that we do not truly know the One who paid our sin debt.

This abounding in sin of course means living in a habitual lifestyle of sin, as Christians we will fall short, we will still sin, but when we continue in that sin, and when there is no check in our spirit about that sin we are engaged in, then we might be in trouble.

When a young person comes into my office, and they tell me, "Goodness pastor, I messed up last weekend, things got away from me, I fell into peer pressure, and I did things that I just feel so terrible about, can God forgive me?"

I tell them, it is good you feel so terrible, that is the Spirit working in your life, if you did not have that Voice, and you were comfortable in sin, then I would worry.

But let Grace abound much more over your sin.

If we have been Crucified with Christ then we are dead to sin, and we are not comfortable in our sins by any means.

And because of this work of the Spirit, we usually don't live like we did before we came to know Christ as our Savior.

Paul says that he lives by faith, and to live this life of faith means that we will trust Jesus with our lives and our circumstances.

Blessing comes to our lives through Grace, not by earning God's favor through ritual...

He blesses us because of who He is, not because we appeased Him somehow.

The blessings are there, we just have to take them by faith.

The Life of Faith is one that presses on and rises above the troubles of this life...

The Life of Faith is one of victory over our sinful nature as well.

1 Cor. 15:57-58 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always

abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

This life of faith is what keeps us living differently than we did before God's Grace came into our lives.

This Life of Faith keeps me from chasing after my flesh and the demands it places on me.

We choose to Live this Life of Faith, because as Paul is teaching here, it does not aid or help me in being saved, I Live this Life of Faith because I am saved.

So, Paul settled the whole matter with Peter with verse 21 now...

21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Paul boldly says here to the Jewish Christians, that to require a person to go back under the Law of Moses, in order to be right with God or blessed by God, means to set aside the Grace of God.

Paul stood his ground, as he defended our faith...

Now, we are not told how Peter responded to this open rebuke... but we do know later on in Peter's own writings he spoke very highly of Paul and even called Paul's own writings Scripture...

2 Peter 3:14-16 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; **15** and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation — as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, **16** as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

It does seem that Peter in the end received Paul's rebuke, and he only thought highly of him.

Paul would not budge one bit on the Grace of God, and once again he saved the Early Church from heading down a deadly road of legalism.

Church, we must not budge on this either, Jesus is enough, our faith in Him is enough.

Refuse at all costs this temptation to resort to legalism and coming back under the Law.

Faith Changes our lives, and allows us to live as an example to others...

Our Righteousness comes through our faith in Jesus, period...

And Paul will continue to carry on with this subject as we continue on in Galatians.

Now, perhaps this morning, you are sitting under a heavy load of guilt and remorse, maybe you are burdened down because you have tried to live your best life now, and to live up to some standard and you have come up incredibly short.

This morning be washed and renewed in your mind, as we have been reminded that where our sin abounded Grace has abounded much more.

There is no mistake that anyone is sitting here with this morning that cannot be washed by God's Amazing Grace.

You have been Crucified with Christ, and no longer does the law of sin and death have the ability to control you any longer.

So maybe you needed that reminder today, we need it often.

Listen, the prayer team will be up here during this last song, please if the Lord has ministered to you this morning, and you need prayer, make your way up during this last song.

And if you don't know Jesus Christ, but you know that you have been drawn here this morning by God... I

hope and pray that today is your day of salvation, come up during this last song and get prayer this morning as well.

Let's pray...