

Gal 2:20-21 - **20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I 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!"

Similarities between M*A*S*H and the Church:

1. Purpose
2. Priority
3. Team/Body of Christ
4. Do the right thing, even when we don't feel like it
5. M is for Mobile
6. Conscripts and _____.

Some serve God out of a sense of _____.

The fact is, I can't _____ God's love and neither can you!

I learned there were two things I could do:

1. Come to the realization that I couldn't earn my _____ . That was a free gift.
2. Make a conscientious _____ every day to live for Christ.

God wants us to remember:

How much He _____ us.

How He sent Jesus to die for our _____.

We're to live for _____.

Mon. Look again at Galatians 2:20-21. Have you ever really thought about how "in Jesus" you were crucified? Now read Romans 6:1-14. Do you understand that in your acceptance of Jesus, you were "crucified with Him?" Thank God that He has allowed your old self to die, and your new self to be born into eternity!

Tue.- Let's follow up on our study from yesterday by reading Colossians 3:1-15. Do you see the connection of us being buried in Christ from yesterday's study, and raised with Christ in today's? Jesus has given us that New Birth. He has given us a life free from the power of sin. And it isn't because of anything we've done. In fact, it is in spite of it. Thank God for the depth of His love, and ask Him to help clothe you with the attributes listed in these verses.

Wed. – Read Galatians 2:20 again. Have you ever really considered that the life you live now, is lived by faith in Jesus? Are you living your life by faith in Him, or by faith in yourself? Is Jesus really sitting on the throne of your heart? Is He the Lord of your life? If He is, thank Him. If not, consider asking Him to become the Lord of your life.

Thu. – Read Gal 2:21. Bill Gothard defined grace as the unmerited (undeserved) favor of God. Righteousness is a right standing with God. Paul is saying that we cannot set aside God's grace, because if we could earn our righteousness, Christ died for nothing. Read Romans 3:28. That was a shocking concept to the Jews of Paul's day. Turn back to Gal 2, and read vs. 15-21. Thank God that He loves you so much, that He provided the way for you to be saved, and it wasn't by anything you did, just accepting what Jesus did for you.

Fri. – Read Galatians 3:23-25. Paul says the law was there to show us we needed Christ. That when we accepted Christ, we were justified (made right) by Christ. And now, Paul says that we have clothed ourselves with Christ. There are no longer divisions, just unity in Him. Does the way you live your life reflect the unity of Christ? Ask God to help you be one who unites, instead of who that divides.

Sat. – Are there any areas where you are trying to "earn" God's love? Are there things that you are doing out of a sense of obligation, instead of a sense of Love? Thank God that He has allowed you to do these acts of service at all, and then ask Him to continue to change your heart, so that you will act out of a sense of love.

Answers: Volunteers; Obligation; Earn; Salvation; Decision: Loves; Sins; Him.

WEDNESDAY – A NEW SERIES

The Story in the Windows

IN TEN MESSAGES:

The Nativity (Ash Wednesday)

Jesus in the Temple

The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus and the Children

The Good Shepherd

Jesus at the Door

Gethesemane

Crucifixion

Resurrection

Come Unto Me

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CONSCRIPT

OR

VOLUNTEER?