

**“FOR WHOM  
DO I LIVE?”**

**Galatians 2:11–21**



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*Have We Sufficiently Destroyed Our Sinful Past?*

*What if we rebuild those things?*

*What does it mean to “live by faith in the Son of God”?*

# Galatians 2:11–21 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; <sup>12</sup> for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup> But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, ...

# Galatians 2:11–21 (NKJV)

... “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? <sup>15</sup> *We who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> “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!

## Galatians 2:11–21 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

# “FOR WHOM DO I LIVE?”

We All Live For Someone, or something ...

**Ourselves** (Selfishness / Self governing / Self-fulfillment ...)

## Philippians 3:18–19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

<sup>19</sup> whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame — who set their mind on earthly things.

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## 1 John 2:15–17 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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**Other People** (Family, Friends, Mentors, ...)

- **Family** (Mat 10:34-38)
- **Friends** (1 Cor 15:33; Prov 1:10-19)
- **Mentors** (Mat 7:15; 2 Pet 2:2; 18-22)
- **Opposition** (Mat. 10:28; Ac. 4:13; 20:24; 1 Pe. 3:14).

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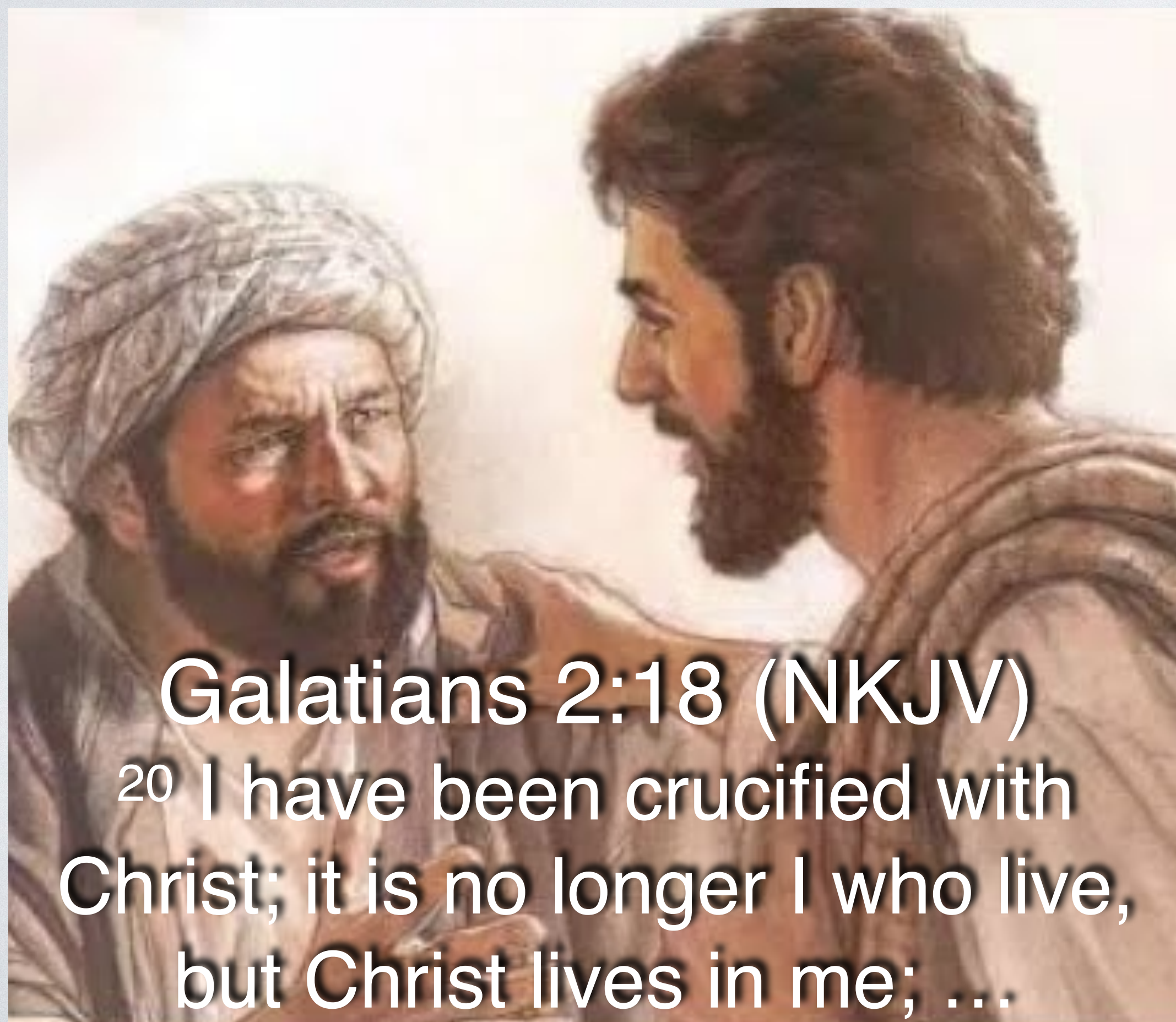
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**Christ / God** (Conviction / Trust / Obedience)

- **Fear God** — Luke 12:4,5
- **Trust God** — Heb 11
- **Follow Jesus** — Luke 9:23-6
- **Deny self** — Mt 16:24-26

# “FOR WHOM DO I LIVE?”

(Have We Sufficiently Destroyed Our Sinful Past?)



Galatians 2:18 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; ...

- ▶ We can, (and at times do), allow our OLD ways to return – thus we need to always be on guard! (Rom 16:19-22; 2 Pet 2:20-22)
- ▶ We CANNOT follow Christ & sin at the same time (1 Jn 1:5-9; 3:9)
- ▶ Actions speak louder than words!

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*The Example of Peter ...*

## Peter Built Again Things He Had Destroyed



Galatians 2:12 (NKJV)

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### ■ Peter Rebuilt Partiality (12)

- ▶ He had learned better and taught against it (Acts 10:9-16,28,34,35; 15:7-11; Js 2:1-4)
- ▶ His withdrawal re-erected the very social and religious barriers the gospel had removed (Rom. 1:16; Gal. 3:26-29)

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*(Jesus Destroys Partiality)*

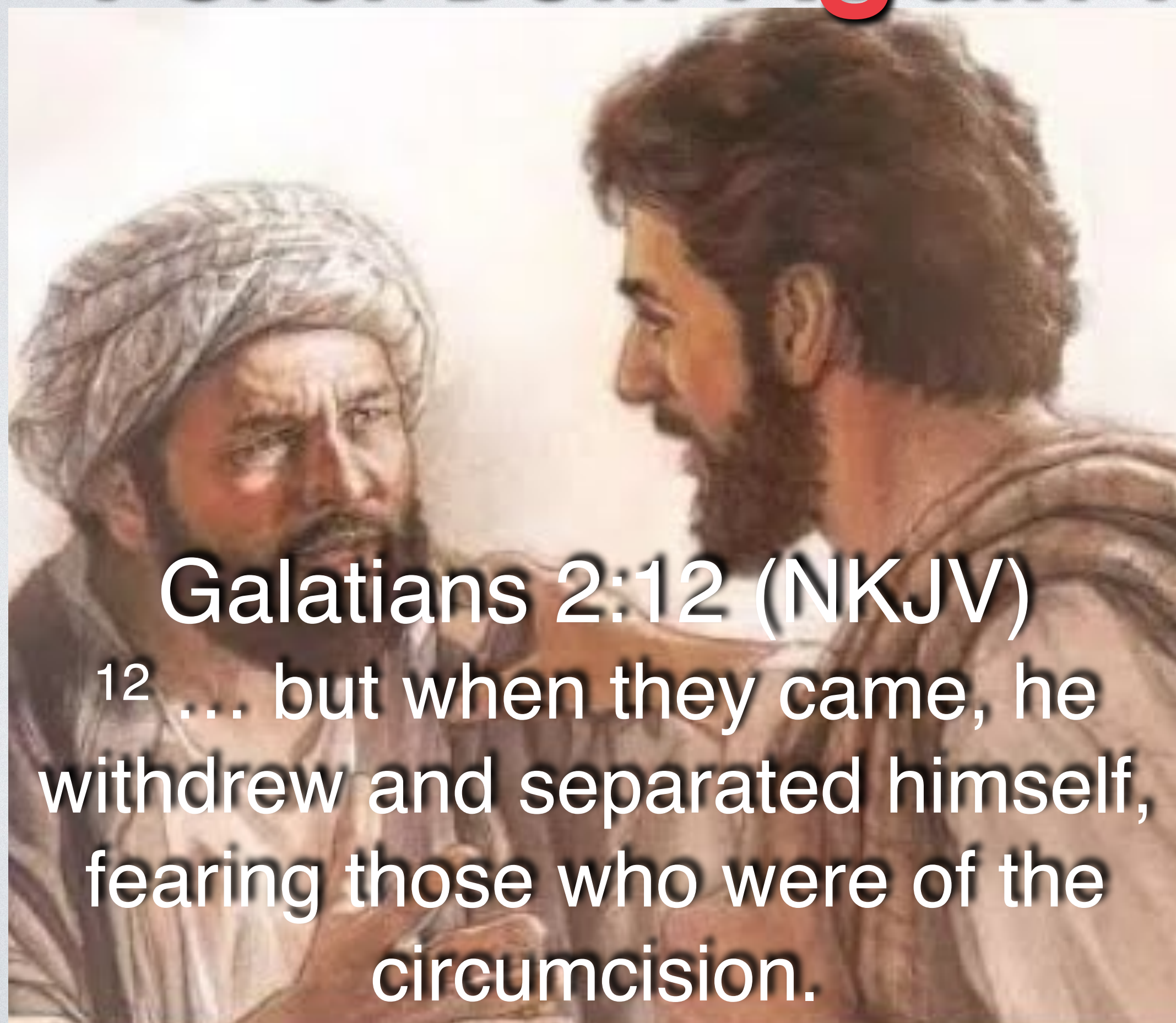
- ▶ Brotherly love makes NO DISTINCTION! (Act 10:34; 11:12; 15:9; Rom 2:11; 3:22; 10:12; James 2:1-4; Gal 3:28,29)
- ▶ Do our words and actions teach against this sin?



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### ■ Rebuilt His Fear of Men (12)

- ▶ Had heard Jesus teach “be not afraid of them that kill the body, (Mat 10:28)
- ▶ Peter asserted firm allegiance to Christ, defended Him in the garden, but then denied Jesus 3 times (Luke 22:54-62)
- ▶ Peter repented / manifested great boldness (Act 4:8-12; 4:19; 5:29).

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*(It takes courage to live for Jesus)*

## ► It takes courage to ...

- > Leave error & obey the gospel!
- > Stand for truth & oppose error!
- > Preach the gospel to the lost!
- > Living godly in an ungodly world!
- > Oppose friends who teach and practice error or unauthorized doctrines / practices!

**Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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### ■ Rebuilt A Negative Influence (13)

- ▶ Peter's problem was not what he truly believed, but what he practiced (Acts 11:3-13)
- ▶ Barnabas & other Jews were “carried away” with this “hypocrisy” demonstrating the POWER of influence! (13)

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*(Whose Influence Am I Reflecting?)*

## ▶ SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU!

- > We MUST ALWAYS be conscious of our influence (Mat. 5:13-16)
- > This demonstrates the danger of following men – even normally good and respectable men!! (Gal. 1:6-9)
- > What kind of influence are you having on those around you??

### **Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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- Peters actions were NOT in keeping with the Gospel! (14)
- ▶ Gave credence to the Judaisers (1-5; 15-18; Acts 15:2) building again that which he had once destroyed (Acts 15:7-11)
- ▶ He became a “TRANSGRESSOR!” (vs. 18; Is 59:1,2)

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## ▶ The Example of Paul ...

- > Paul, through the Law died to the Law (19; cf. 1:13-16; 3:10, 19-25; Rom 3:19,20; 7:4-6,10,11; 8:2-4; 10:4)
- > Paul was crucified with Christ (20; 5:24; 6:14; Act 22:16; Rom 6:1-7; Col 2:11-14)
- > Christ lived in Paul, (Paul no longer lived for himself!) (20; cf. Col 3:1-17; Rom. 6:1-14; 2 Cor. 5:15; 1 Peter 3:15)

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## ▶ Submitting to Jesus as LORD ...

> Have we been “crucified” with Christ?  
having died to to lust, pride, error, etc. —  
Anything that is not according to Christ  
(Col. 2:20-3:11; Rom 6:1-14; Col. 2:11-14)

> Does Christ “live in me?” (John 14:21-23;  
15:9,10; 1 Jn 2:3-6; 3:24)

> Is my life governed by His authority? (Col.  
3:17; 1 Pet. 3:15)

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- > We can live GODLY in this life (20; cf. Rom 6:1-19; 12:1,2; 1 Jn 2:6; 3:3; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Cor. 10:13; Ja 4:7-10)
- > We can live by faith (2 Cor. 5:7; Heb 11:1-12:3; Rom 1:16,17; 10:17)
- > Trusting in His grace, mercy, love & authority (Eph 2:1-10; Tit. 3:2-5; Rom 5:6-10; Act 2:36; Lk 6:46; 2 Jn 9)

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## ▶ The true ANSWER is REVEALED In ...

- > My character (Gal. 5:19-23)
- > My affections (Col. 3:1-17)
- > My thoughts (2 Cor 10:5)
- > How I treat others (1 Jn 3:16-21; Mat 5:43-48)
- > How I utilize my time (Eph 5:15-19; Heb 10:24,25)
- > Where I take my stand (Gal. 5:1; 1 Cor 15:58; Col. 1:23; Rev 2:10; Gal 2:5)

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**Have YOU been  
crucified with Christ?**

**Rom 6:3-7; Col. 2:11-14**



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**Have YOU crucified  
your sinful desires &  
love for the world?**

Gal. 5:24; Gal 6:14; 1 Jn 2:15-17



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**If there is some area in  
which we have NOT  
been true to the  
gospel, will we repent?**

**2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 1:9**





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# Romans 6:5–14 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup> knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup> For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.

# Romans 6:5–14 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. <sup>13</sup> And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.