**“Cheap or Costly Grace?”**

Going deeper in Galatians 2:17-21

**INTRODUCTION**

Paul has just finished sharing about his confrontation with Peter (Cephas) over the futility of trying to live by the law rather than by God’s grace and power. In this section he continues to describe why this is so important.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 17 Have you noticed that none of us, no matter how hard we try will still fall short (no one is perfect)? Does that mean that Jesus Christ promotes sin? No way! 18 If I were to build again what I destroyed I myself would become a lawbreaker. 19 For through the law I died to the law so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, 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 a living relationship with God could come by rule keeping then Christ died for nothing!

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What objection is the Apostle Paul trying to answer in verses 18 & 19?

2. What is hypothetically being rebuilt in verse 18 (think of Paul’s disagreement with Peter in the preceding verses)?

3. What do you think it means to die to the law? What does that mean for you?

4. How do we let Christ live in us?

5. If you could measure up to the holiness of God why would you need Jesus Christ’s death on the cross?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Quietly sit before the Lord and then tell Him about those areas in your life where you need His grace and forgiveness.

\*Thank the Lord Jesus for His love for you.

\*Ask him to deepen your faith in what He has done for you.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

This passage points out the hopelessness of trying to earn God’s love. It also shows that the power of God that works in you as you trust him. God has set you free so you can live for his purposes. What will that look like for you this week?