

How to Live in Christ

Throughout the book of Galatians, Paul makes it very clear that we can't do anything to earn our salvation. So, do our actions and behavior even matter? Keeping laws and customs won't benefit our salvation at all, but that doesn't mean our actions don't matter. Paul explains the importance of freedom with limits. These limits empower us to serve each other in love. Paul reminds believers that faith in Jesus Christ has the power to transform our lives and that we should live accordingly. Join us as we close our study of Galatians by examining Paul's description of how to live *in Christ*. Together we'll discuss the Fruits of the Spirit and what grateful Christian living looks like as we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- If our actions and behavior do not matter for our salvation, do they matter at all? Why or why not?
- How would you explain what it means to be transformed?



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READ [Galatians 5-6](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney rely on Romans 6:1-14 and Romans 7:7-25 to help us understand Paul's teaching in Galatians 5:13-18. Reread those passages from Romans and reflect on your own journey of faith. How have you been transformed? In what areas of life can you recognize growing Christlikeness? Where in your life do you see a distinct old way of being vs. new way of behind?
- Reread Galatians 5:13-26. What does it mean to you that God does not expect any of us to accomplish any of this on our own, but sends the Holy Spirit to guide us and make it possible for us to bear fruit? How do we follow Paul's command to "keep in step with the Spirit" (v. 25)?
- In segment 3, Darrell says "My prayer is that we would allow God to use us as instruments of righteousness, that we would sow the seeds, and not because we think we are going to get something back." When have you witnessed someone being an instrument of God's righteousness simply because they were in step with the Spirit and bearing the fruit of the Spirit?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Romans 6:1-14](#), [2 Corinthians 5:17](#), [Romans 7:7-25](#), [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#), [Luke 6:38](#), [2 Corinthians 12:1-12](#), [Revelation 7:9-10](#)

CONCLUSION

As they conclude the episode, Darrell and Scott encourage us to lean into the full grace of the gospel by remembering our baptism. Doing so reminds us that we have been connected with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection. Are there any special ways you remember or mark your baptism? Some Christians celebrate their “baptism birthday” by lighting a candle, reading a particular scripture passage, or singing a particular hymn. What meaningful tradition can you begin as a way to mark your baptism each year? If you know the date of your baptism, mark it on your calendar as an annual reminder. If you have not yet been baptized, think about taking this next step on your faith journey. Pray about it and discuss the meaning and significance of baptism with a pastor or trusted spiritual mentor.

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