Understanding Galatians 2: Jesus Defeats Sin

Ready:

"But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God." Galatians 2:17-19

Set

Every summer, I head out to Volleyball Beach to play sand volleyball. It's one of my favorite places to be. Every week, we play against other local teams who have the same passion and love for volleyball as we do. The only downfall, which is also a blessing, is that these games are unofficiated. If an infraction happens like being in the net, line faulting, or doubling a ball, it's on the individual player to call out his or her mistake and give the point to the other team. It can be great and appreciated when someone takes responsibility and follows the rules; however, there are always players who will try to cover it up or lie about breaking the rules.

In Galatians 2:17-19, Paul talks about how as humans, we're naturally inclined to sin. As sinners, we often abandon God's laws. But should we feel guilty, shame, and worthless constantly? According to Paul, absolutely not. With Christ and through prayer, we are saved for our sins. He rescues us for our sins today, tomorrow, next week, and the years following!

Like the players who try to cover up their infractions, there will also be sin in our lives—whether we sin or we see someone else sin. As simply put, it's a fact of earthly life. But when we remember that we are saved by Christ through prayer, we can focus on how to love, empower, and encourage others with the Good News of Christ.

Go

1. Have you ever seen someone cheat or lie in a game or practice? How did that make you feel?
2. Do you believe Christ rescues you from sin? If so, how can you share that news with others?

Workout

Luke 17:3; Ephesians 4:15

Overtime

"Jesus, thank You for saving me from my sins! I am forever grateful for Your love and mercy.

Help me to repent when I sin and be loving to others who sin around or at me. Amen."

Bible Reference:
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