

Sunday Morning – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

***Welcome To The  
New Testament Baptist Church***

*Today's Message*  
***Our Identity In Christ***  
***Galatians 2:16-21***

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Your identity is Christ. It begins here and everything flows from that reality for the believer.

# Introduction

- Our journey of being more like Jesus is referred to in scriptures as sanctification
  - We are not seeking acceptance with God
  - We need faith in our identity in Christ
- Power for sanctification is from faith in Christ for justification
  - \* Justification – We are saved from sins penalty by faith in Christ
    - We are accepted in Christ
  - \* Sanctification – We are being saved from sins power and pleasure
    - We are gradually becoming like Christ
  - \* Glorification – We will be saved from sins presence
    - We will be like Him

# Justification

- **Galatians 2:16**

- What is justified?

- to be made righteous, or innocent to be declared just

- Our sins must be dealt with

- no amount of effort can make us just

“If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.”

**Job 9:20**

- Justified by faith in Christ – **Galatians 2:16**
  - There are only 2 ways that people try to be accepted by God
    - Works
    - Faith
  - Cannot mix grace and works for justification
    - **Romans 11:6**
    - **Romans 3:19-28**
      - by faith we are declared righteous
    - **Ephesians 1:6-7**
      - Christ is the just dying for the unjust
        - positionally, we are already holy

# Sanctification

- Jesus prayed to the Father: John 17:17
  - *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*
  - making us holy
    - **I Peter 2:9-12**
    - This is the working of God’s grace within
      - **Titus 2:11-14**
    - We must not confuse justification with sanctification
      - There must first be union with Christ
      - Practical holiness is the result of the living Christ within us (Gal. 2:20)

# The Strength of our Sanctification

- **Gal. 2:20**

- The life we now live by faith in Christ's justifying work on our behalf is our strength for living a holier life unto God.

- Paul knows that Christ loved him and gave himself for him

- We need that confidence/faith

- Its empowering

- **Ephesians 4:1-7**

- The sacrifice of Christ makes us different

- Changes who we are (**Eph. 2:3-5**)

- New creatures (**2 Cor. 5:17**)