

THE LETTER

# GALEATIANS

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— THAT SAVED THE CHURCH



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Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ  
Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ  
and not by the works of the law, because by  
the works of the law no one will be justified.

Galatians 2:15-16 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 2:15-16a (NIV 2011)

# 3 Parts of the Hebrew Bible

“Torah” or “Law”      Genesis-Deuteronomy

“Prophets”      Joshua-Malachi

“Writings”      Psalms-Chronicles



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It's not about our faith, it's about the faithfulness of Jesus.

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Galatians 2:20-21 (NIV 2011)

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Galatians 2:20 (NIV 2011)