

LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Scripture	Message
Nov. 22-23	Luke 17:11-19	Extravagant Thanks
Nov. 29-30	Genesis 3:14-15	The Promised Child
Dec. 6-7	Luke 15:25-32	The Promised Child
Dec. 13-14	Genesis 22:1-18	The Promised Child
Dec. 20-21	2 Samuel 7:1-17	The Promised Child
Dec. 23-24	Matthew 1:18-25	The Promised Child
Dec. 27-28	Ephesians 5:8-16	Annual Examen
Jan. 3-4	Galatians 3:1-9	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 10-11	Galatians 3:10-14	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 17-18	Galatians 3:15-22	The Promise Fulfilled
Jan. 24-25	Galatians 3:23-29	The Promise Fulfilled

CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

Candlelight, worship, and a message of hope as we remember the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Eve Eve - Dec 23 at 6 PM

Christmas Eve - Dec 24 at 2, 4 and 6 PM

The weekend of Dec 27-28 will be online only- an intentional pause to worship at home, reflect with loved ones, and prepare your heart for the year ahead.



November 15 & 16, 2025 | No Other Gospel - 5 | Galatians 2:17-21 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

THE CONTEXT

“The Works of the Law”

“Faith in Christ”

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*Ephesians 2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 **by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances**, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross,...*

1. Like Peter at Antioch, the Galatians were sliding into the ditch of an EARNING mindset.
2. They were falling for the lie that ACCESS to God was only for those who earned it by following the rules.

ASK YOURSELF:

- In what ways might I be living the Christian life with an earning mindset?

THE CONTRADICTION

*Galatians 2:17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is **Christ then a servant of sin**?...*

1. To cling to earning is to INSULT Christ.

*Galatians 2:17 ...Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I **prove myself to be a transgressor**.*

2. To cling to earning is to CONTRADICT Christ.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What am I afraid I'll lose if I let go of earning?

THE CLARITY

*Galatians 2:19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might **live** to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who **live**, but Christ who **lives** in me. And the **life** I now **live** in the flesh I **live** by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

1. We have to let go of earning to find LIFE.

*Galatians 2:19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might **live** to God.*

a. ADMIT that on your own your life is unmanageable.

*Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who **live**, but Christ who **lives** in me....*

b. ACCEPT the “wonderful exchange.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

“By a wonderful exchange our sins are now not ours but Christ's, and Christ's righteousness is not Christ's but ours.”

- Martin Luther -

*Galatians 2:20 ...And the **life** I now **live** in the flesh I **live** by faith in the Son of God,...*

c. ADJUST to Spirit-led freedom in Christ.

Galatians 2:20 ...who loved me and gave himself for me.

d. ABSORB the reality that God really does love you.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Which part of Galatians 2:19-20 am I most challenged by, and why?

Galatians 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

2. We have to let go of earning to embrace CHRIST.

ASK THE LORD:

- Heavenly Father, thank you for your relentless love for us. Jesus, thank you for laying down your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank you for the transformation you are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.

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