

COLLEGE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Study Guide

# Trust God and Live

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## Major Points

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- 1 Justification comes through faith in Christ, not through the works of the law — no human being can keep the law perfectly**  
*Galatians 2:16*
- 2 Being crucified with Christ means dying to sin and self so that Christ can live in us through the Holy Spirit**  
*Galatians 2:20*
- 3 There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus — the Spirit sets believers free from the law of sin and death**  
*Romans 8:1-2*
- 4 Faith is not mere religious profession but genuine trust and dependence on God — everything not from faith is sin**  
*Romans 14:23*
- 5 We are saved by grace through faith as God's gift, created for good works God prepared in advance**  
*Ephesians 2:8-10*

## Key Quotes

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*Freedom brings healing and healing brings freedom.*  
at 5:48

*For through the law, I died to the law so that I might live for God.*  
at 10:39

*For I have been crucified with Christ. And I no longer live, but Christ lives in me and the life I now live in the body. I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.*  
at 11:21

*Faith is not a religion or a set of religious ideals. Faith is certainly not this defiance that we sometimes hear about.*  
at 24:25

*It comes down so much to trusting God to faith that you either trust Him and live or you don't trust Him and you die.*  
at 29:25

*The sin is in not knowing Him.*

at 36:52

## Discussion Questions

1. The speaker describes faith as trust and dependence rather than religious activity or defiant belief. How does this definition change the way you think about your own faith in daily life?  
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2. In the leash illustration, the dog experiences freedom by walking at heel with its master. What are some specific areas of your life where submitting to God's will has actually brought you greater freedom?  
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3. Paul says 'everything that is not from faith is sin' (Romans 14:23). How should this radical statement shape the way we make everyday decisions, even ones that seem morally neutral?  
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4. The speaker tells the story of Annie, who has never made a covenant commitment and therefore struggles to understand Christ's covenant offer. What barriers in your own life experience have made it harder to understand or accept God's commitment to you?  
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5. Joshua challenged Israel to get rid of their foreign gods even after they declared loyalty to the Lord. What modern 'foreign gods' do Christians carry around while simultaneously claiming to serve the Lord?  
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## Word Studies

## πίστις pistis

*Greek*

Faith, trust, confidence, fidelity. In the New Testament it carries the sense of firm persuasion and active reliance upon God rather than mere intellectual assent. It implies both belief in God's character and entrusting oneself to His care.

*Usage: 244 times*

## συνεσταύρωμαι synestauromai

*Greek*

To crucify together with. A compound of 'syn' (together with) and 'stauroo' (to crucify). Paul uses this passive perfect form in Galatians 2:20 to indicate a completed action with ongoing results — the believer's old self has been co-crucified with Christ and remains in that state.

*Usage: 5 times*

## δικαίω dikaioo

*Greek*

To justify, declare righteous, render just. In Pauline theology it refers to God's act of declaring a sinner righteous on the basis of faith in Christ rather than on the basis of works of the law. It is a legal/forensic term indicating a verdict of acquittal.

*Usage: 40 times*

## Cross References

### Colossians 3:3

Reinforces the theme of dying with Christ: 'For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God,' paralleling Paul's statement in Galatians 2:20 about being crucified with Christ and Christ living in the believer.

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Expands on the new life that comes from being in Christ: 'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come,' connecting to the sermon's emphasis on dying to the old self and living in resurrection life.

### John 15:4-5

Jesus' vine and branches metaphor illustrates the same dependence and abiding relationship the speaker describes with the leash illustration — apart from Christ we can do nothing, but abiding in Him produces fruit.

### Philippians 3:8-9

Paul counts everything as loss compared to knowing Christ and being found in Him with a righteousness that comes through faith, directly supporting the sermon's contrast between law-based righteousness and faith-based justification.

### 1 John 2:15-17

Warns against loving the world and its desires, connecting to Joshua 24's command to put away foreign gods and the sermon's theme that we cannot serve two masters.

## Further Reading

- **The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness**  
*by Timothy Keller*
- **The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness**  
*by Jerry Bridges*
- **Galatians For You**  
*by Timothy Keller*

## Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
Galatians 2:15-16	Read Aloud	11:20	<i>We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners, yet ...</i>
Galatians 2:17-19	Read Aloud	13:40	<i>But if we ourselves are also found to be sinners w...</i>
Galatians 2:20-21	Read Aloud	15:00	<i>I have been crucified with Christ. And I no longer...</i>
Isaiah 53:6	Read Aloud	19:10	<i>All we like sheep have gone astray. Everyone has t...</i>
Romans 8:1-4	Read Aloud	27:00	<i>Therefore there is now no condemnation for those i...</i>
Romans 8:5-8	Read Aloud	29:00	<i>For those who live according to the flesh have the...</i>
Hebrews 11:29	Read Aloud	35:20	<i>By faith they crossed the Red Sea as though they w...</i>
Romans 14:23	Read Aloud	36:40	<i>But whoever doubts stands condemned if he eats, be...</i>
Joshua 24:14-24	Read Aloud	39:00	<i>Therefore fear the Lord. Worship him in sincerity ...</i>
Matthew 7:22-23	Read Aloud	41:00	<i>On that day many will say to me, Lord, Lord, didn'...</i>
Ephesians 2:1-10	Read Aloud	42:50	<i>And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in ...</i>