

Living By Faith



Text: Galatians 2:16-21

I. Introduction

- Fathers can be small in physical stature, but not small spiritually
- We cannot be saved by works, only by Christ
- We cannot earn salvation, we can only accept salvation from God through Christ
- If there were any other possible way to salvation, then Christ never would have needed to die
- Let's talk about living by faith

II. Living By Faith Is Accepting God's Unconditional Love

- But that's not a problem for many of us
- "God does not love because I am good. He loves me because I am precious, and I am precious because Christ died for me"
- God loves us now, not when you clean up your act or when you are worthy; we will never be worthy

III. Living By Faith Also Means Giving Up Control

- We give up control to God
- God is the architect of our lives; we are merely the contractor

IV. Living By Faith Means Dying To Yourself

- When you die to self, then the battle for control of your life is over
- You've surrendered

V. Living By Faith Means Allowing Christ To Live In You

- That is precisely what glories God – to allow Him to control every facet of your life
- The bad news is you will never be good enough to earn God's love
- But the good news is that God's love isn't based upon our goodness
- It's how good God and Christ are
- It's a free give you must accept

- One day we will enjoy everlasting life through God's redemption of us through His Son, Jesus Christ

VI. Conclusion

- Abundant live means dying to yourself and coming alive to Christ