



1 PETER 4:17

“It is time for judgment to begin with the family of God...”

Interestingly, this is Peter – inspired by the Holy Spirit – who wrote this. This refers not to condemnation but to purifying and strengthening the Church.

A necessary work of God.



THE WORK THAT GOD REQUIRES: HUDDLED IN HYPOCRISY

Galatians 2:11-21



VS. 11

Antioch - Home of the first Gentile church

“I opposed him **to his face**”

See Matt. 18:15-17; 5:23-24

See also Gal. 6:1

Go TO, not AROUND. It's the way of Christ



A CAUTION

“If you are going to confront your brother and you don’t have tears in your eyes, you’re probably going with the wrong motive.”

- Steve Brown (paraphrase)



VSS. 11-12 THE ISSUE

Context

Gal. 2:1-10 (Judaizers)

Acts 10:9-23 (Peter's vision)

Chameleon Christianity?

Living 'free' when with the Gentiles.

Living under the Law when with the Judaizers.



Peter's "separation" or "withdrawal from" was
calculated, strategic, deceitful.

Hard on friendships.

Even harder on the Gospel of grace.



VSS. 13-14

“Why is this such a huge deal?”

Peter had apostolic authority. A stumbling block (1 Cor. 8)

He forced others from grace back into law. (Vs. 14)

Other Jews, incl. Barnabas, were dragged into it.

Hypocrisy is contagious. (1 Cor. 15:33)



VSS. 15-16

See Romans 3:19-20

Justification (A legal declaration of full pardon) by
faith in Christ

Romans 3:21-26



VSS. 17-18

Is Christ responsible for my sin? Absolutely not.

James 1:13-15

Romans 7:7ff

Returning to the Law once again confirms my own guilt (Rom. 3:20)



VSS. 19

Dying to the Law makes possible living for God.

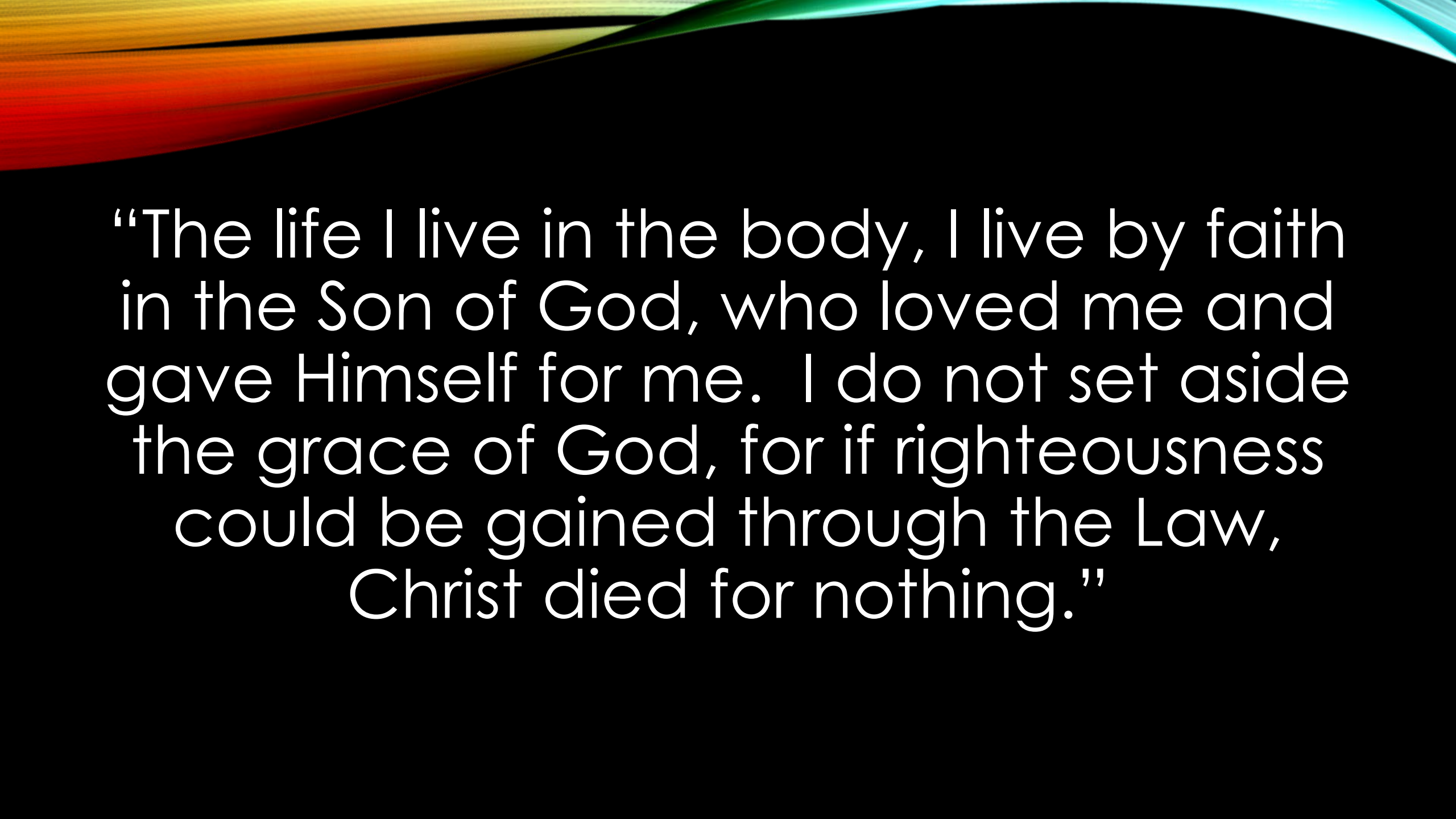
MacArthur writes, “When a person is convicted of a capital crime and executed, the law has no further claim on him. So it is with the Christian who has died in Christ (who paid the penalty for his sins in full) and rises to new life in Him – justice has been satisfied and he is forever free from any further penalty.” (See Rom. 7:1-6)



VSS. 20-21

Paul once again distances himself from any hope of salvation by works and declares that his full confidence – and ours! – rests in the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

See Romans 6:1-14



“The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the Law, Christ died for nothing.”



“Watch your life AND your doctrine closely.”

1 Timothy 4:16

Am I practicing what I preach?

Are both my life and my lips declaring
the sufficiency of the Christ of Calvary?