

# sermon notes

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October 9, 2024 | "Giving up on Goodness" | **Galatians 2:17–21**

1) Giving up on goodness means \_\_\_\_\_

2) Giving up on goodness looks like \_\_\_\_\_,  
not a second chance.

3) Giving up on goodness looks like \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for further application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

The Mosaic law in the Old Testament had numerous ways that a person could become ritually unclean. Browse through Leviticus chapters 11-15 and try to sympathize with the difficulty of a Jew avoiding uncleanness. In this circumstance, how difficult would it be to coexist with Gentiles? Why did the Galatians turn from the true Gospel towards the Judaizers teaching?

Review Colossians 2:6-15 and Romans 7:1-6 to learn more about a Christian's death to the law. If the penalty for breaking God's law is death, how can God justify us and give us eternal life anyways?

### GET PERSONAL

The Jewish believers in the Galatian churches had to transition from the way they were familiar and comfortable with worshiping God in Jewish community to fellowship that felt strange and uncomfortable with Gentiles. What things about your church community or worship practices would you be unwilling to give up for the sake of accommodating others? Are those practices based on your own preferences or on requirements in God's word?

Modern Christians do not usually follow the Mosaic law but can still be tempted to add rules on top of the Gospel. What kind of rules get added to the Gospel in your community?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

As a believer in Christ your old life is dead and your new life reflects Christ living in you and through you. Take time in prayer to listen to where the Holy Spirit is directing you in your life. What spiritual gifting has God given you and how can you use it to serve Him? Is God asking you to put away any sin patterns in your life?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

While Christ's followers are freed from the requirements of the Law and are called to live by the Spirit, the New Testament scriptures still contain plenty of rules. Why are there still rules and requirements for Christians even after being freed from the Law? How should a Christian approach situations and decisions where the New Testament does not have rules?

Read 1st Corinthians 8:1-13, in situations without clearly defined rules where two Christians feel differently about what is right, how are we to resolve this situation?