

**"WHY LAW KEEPING CANNOT CONTRIBUTE TO JUSTIFICATION"
GALATIANS 2:17-19**

I. IF WE INSIST ON ADDING LAW KEEPING TO SIMPLE FAITH, THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THAT FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ARE CATASTROPHIC (2:17-18)

A. Two Premises Of A Hypothetical Case Set Up By Peter's Compromise (2:17)

1. Let's Suppose We're Talking About People Who Are Seeking To Be Justified In Christ (2:17a)
2. But These Were Found At The Same Time To Still Be In A Position That Falls Short Of A Righteous Standing Before God (2:17b)

B. Two Logical Conclusions

1. Jesus Christ Is A Minister Of The Acquisition Of A Defective State & Standing Before God (2:17c)
2. And If Anyone Insists On Resurrecting An Abolished Law-Works System Of Salvation Then That One Proves Himself To Still Be Lost Because He Prefers Justification By Law Instead Of The Finished Work Of Christ (2:18)

II. PAUL'S "ME GENOITA" (μη γένοιτα [2:17]) IS FURTHER DEFENDED BY A SUMMARY STATEMENT ON THE PRACTICAL BENEFIT THAT RESULTS FROM JUSTIFICATION (2:19)

A. Believers Have *In Some Respect*, Experienced A Termination In Their Relationship To The Law (2:19a)

B. The Purpose For This Termination Is To "Live Unto God" (2:19b)

1. To Live Completely Under Law Is To Die At The Hand Of God
2. God Gave The Law To Magnify & Increase Transgression

**"THE COUNCIL OF TRENT'S DECREE ON JUSTIFICATION"
SECTION SIX**

*THEY, THROUGH THE OBSERVANCE OF THE
COMMANDMENTS OF GOD & OF THE CHURCH INCREASE IN
THAT JUSTICE RECEIVED THROUGH THE GRACE OF CHRIST AND
ARE FURTHER JUSTIFIED.....IF ANYONE SAYS THAT JUSTICE
ONCE RECEIVED IS NEITHER PRESERVED NOR INCREASED IN
THE SIGHT OF GOD BY GOOD WORKS BUT THAT THE WORKS
THEMSELVES ARE NOTHING MORE THAN THE EFFECTS OR
SIGNS OF JUSTIFICATION, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA!!!*