

Inductive Bible Study Questions for Galatians 2:19-20
Union with Christ – Become Who We Are!

Inductive Bible study is a method of examining a text and seeking to determine its teaching, meaning, and application through observation and questions designed to help us understand and apply what the text teaches.

Inductive Bible study involves four simple steps you can take on your own or in a group discussion. It will help if you download the sermon notes from Pastor Sam's message on this text and refer to them as you study this passage. *(Paul or CJ – can you insert the link to the notes for the sermon on the text for that week here?)*

1. Reading and reflecting on a particular passage of Scripture. Inductive Bible study points us back to the text itself. It will be helpful for you to read this text four or five times in one sitting. Read the text slowly and carefully. If you are in a group, it might be helpful for several group members to read the text aloud.
2. Observation: What does this text say? We must observe what is in the text. Who is speaking? Who is listening or receiving this instruction? What is happening in the passage? What are the key ideas? Are there repeated concepts or terms? Is there information or facts to be understood? Are there commands to be obeyed? What can we learn from the grammar (nouns, verbs, prepositions, tenses, etc.)? Are there doctrinal truths or components of doctrine present in this text? Is there anything that stands out or surprises you?
3. Interpretation: What does this text mean? We must strive to understand what is being said or taught by what we observe in the text. What is the main point of this passage? What are the major ideas presented in this text? What major doctrinal teaching is presented in this text? What are the key spiritual ideas or components advanced in this text? How does this text fit into the larger argument being made in the unit?
4. Application: How should this text affect or change me? What truths must I believe and hold? Are there commands I must obey? Are there attitudes or actions I should put on or put off? What is one step I can and will take this week to reflect what I have learned from this text?

Reading the Text Together – Galatians 2:19-20 (look at the thought units)

*For through the law I **died** to the law,
so that I might **live** to God.*

²⁰ *I have been **crucified** with Christ.*

*It is no longer I who **live**, but Christ who **lives** in me.*

*And the life I now **live** in the flesh I **live** by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Observing the text carefully (*Keep Galatians 2:19-20 open before you*)

1. What are the four major ideas Paul presents in this passage?
2. What are the two major contrasting realities that Paul mentions in verse 19 as being true for a believer?
3. What is the most repeated word in these two verses?
4. Which aspect of Christ's ministry does Paul associate us with in verse 20?
5. Is the role Paul assigns to faith in verse 20 something that occurs before salvation (as in Romans 3:20ff) or after salvation? What in verse 20 leads you to that answer?

Interpreting the text thoughtfully (*Pastor Sam's sermon notes on this passage might provide additional helpful information*)

6. How does the Law cause us to "to the Law" (vs 19)?
7. What does it mean to "live to God" (vs 19)? *NOTE: Consult Romans 6:4 and 7:4 for further information and clarification from Paul on what it means to "live to God."*
8. How were we crucified with Christ, and what part of us was crucified with him? (*Romans 5:12-21 might help with the first part of this question, and Romans 6:6 might help with the second part of this question*).
9. Why is ongoing faith in the Son of God required for living the Christian life, not just for justification?
10. What does Paul want us to know and understand about Jesus Christ in verse 20?

Applying the text personally (*ask yourself the tough questions from this text*)

11. What is God's purpose for believers that I need to identify as an area to embrace more fully with the Spirit's help? What sinful behaviors or attitudes from my old life are still present in my new life as a Christian that I need to put off in 2026?
12. Why is it hard for me to believe or feel that Jesus truly loves me? What is the greatest and most undeniable proof of His love for me?
13. Why is it hard for me to maintain ongoing faith in Jesus to help me live the Christian life?
14. What is one change I intend to make or one step I intend to take this week, based on what I have learned from this text?

Pray this text together as you end your study (*Here is a sample prayer you can adapt if it is helpful, or you can pray your own prayer*)

Lord, thank you that by your grace, you took my place on the cross. Thank you that when you died on the cross, I died with you. I am grateful that your death satisfied the Law's righteous penalty on my behalf. I am so grateful that my old self was put to death in your death and that a new me was raised to a new kind of life when I was raised to life with you at your resurrection. Help me to live this new life in ways that are completely oriented to you, for purposes that glorify you, and through words, actions, and attitudes that please you! Thank you for loving me and giving yourself for me. Help me to love you and give myself to you in return!