

Faith in What? Who?

Part 1

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Galatians 2:16-21 (page ___)

Jesus, help us to seek YOU as intently as the maji looked for you.

See IVPBC.....

Maji? Seeking king born under star.
Not just seeking to be good seekers, but **seeking Christ-child**, the newborn God-man.

king's counselors
studied signs in stars

Galatians 2:16-21

¹⁶ We know that no one is made right with God by obeying the law. It is by believing in Jesus Christ. So we too have put our faith in Christ Jesus. That is so we can be made right with God by believing in Christ, not by obeying the law. No one can be made right with God by obeying the law.¹⁷

¹⁷ We are trying to be made right with God through Christ. But it is clear that we are sinners. So does that mean that Christ causes us to sin? Certainly not!¹⁸ Suppose I build again what I had destroyed. Then I prove that I break the Law.

¹⁹ Because of the law, I died as far as the law is concerned. I died so that I might live for God.²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. I don't live any longer. Christ lives in me. My faith in the Son of God helps me to live my life in my body. He loved me. He gave himself for me.

²¹ I do not get rid of the grace of God.

What if a person could become right with God by obeying the law? Then Christ died for nothing!

Point

Multiple maji paper figures??

Maji went searching for the great king. They traveled many miles.

But their search started long before they saddled their camels and/or donkeys.

The star was there to see, there were wise men and astronomers in many countries. Certainly these weren't the only wise ones who saw it. But after you see something, you have to decide how important it is.

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?"

Then have to ask your king if you can go on this all-expense-paid trip on his behalf to ____ Because the new king is being born.

Kelly as King Herod

Of course, you'd guess he was born in Mexico City.

But instead he's in a barrio outside the city. Unknown except for the king's counselors in Mexico City said that barrio was where the

Shed

Then the maji have a dilemma: Is this really the great king that's been born? This isn't a palace...

"How We Change" book

Real change happens when we worship Christ. Not just have vague faith, but kneeling before the feet of the Creator who came to earth, who is our Lord and Comforter.

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Scripture address

LORD	Almighty
Creator	
Author of Life	Christ
Spirit	Heavenly
King	Father
Sovereign	Ruler
Universe	Messiah
Savior	Immanuel
God is With Us	Lord of
Prince of Peace	Living Word
Beautiful Savior	Blessed
Redeemer	The Holy One of
Israel	God Glorious
The Sovereign One	LORD God
Redeemer	Reconciler