

# Better Series: A Better Way

## (Galatians 2:11-21)

### Introduction

Introduce series – Several years ago, while living in Marion, Arkansas, my neighbor asked if I would consider installing a wooden privacy fence along the boundary of our property. He wanted to install one and asked if I would pay half and help with the labor. I agreed.

After digging three post holes in the gumbo mud of the delta, we looked at one another and determined that there had to be a better way. Money was tight, but we determined an auger would be BETTER!

We rented one, and let the machine do the work. It was definitely better!!

Today, we begin a short series entitled, “BETTER.” The purpose of the series is demonstrate Christ’s way is better. Life in Christ is highlighted by a better way to heaven, a better way to live, a better way to love, better priorities, better plans, and better privileges.

Today’s study is entitle, “A BETTER WAY” and focuses on Christ’s better way of salvation. Galatians 2 is the scripture focus. *Galatians was written* to show that a grace-based relationship through Christ as the only AND better way of salvation for all mankind.

### I. The Burden Of Other Gospels (v. 11-14)

**Principle:** A works-based relationship with God is INFERIOR because is relies on man and is highlighted by fear, burden, and rules.

#### ***Contextualize Galatians 2:11-21***

A) The self-promotion of other gospels (v. 11-13).

- B) The burden of other gospels (v. 11-13)
- C) Inadequacy of other gospels (v. 15-16a)

**Illustration:** Rich Young Ruler (Matt. 19:16-22)

**Application:** The nagging question of any other gospel is “How good is good enough?”

## **II. The BETTER WAY Of The True Gospel (v. 15-21)**

**Principle:** A grace-based relationship with God is BETTER because it relies on Christ and is highlighted by joy.

- A) Rest in Christ’s Work on the Cross (v. 16)
- B) Rejoice In Right Standing Before God (v. 19)
- C) Rely On The Indwelling Christ (v. 20)

**Illustration:** Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:2-11)

**Application:** Apart from grace, no one is “good enough” for heaven.

## **Conclusion.**

Remember the story of fence building in the beginning of this study? One thing I want to point out. In order to complete that project, I had to stop relying on my efforts and let the machine do the work. Until you stop relying on your efforts and rely on the finished work of Christ on the cross, you will never experience the REAL salvation. Trust me it is BETTER!!!