

# IX. THEOLOGY

## DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR SESSION 9



*And it is no longer I who live, but it is 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.*

Galatians 2.20 (NRSV)

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1. Describe the distinction between the ideas of substitution and participation.
2. What a difference a little preposition makes. Explain.
3. Review the principles of Roman imperial theology versus Jesus and Paul's justice-oriented theology.
4. Borg elaborates on the ideas of "Justification through faith by grace," the "punitive super-ego," and Luther's development of Paul's idea of grace. Discuss.
5. What are the personal and societal implications of the two meanings of "realizing" grace?
6. How does our preoccupation with "sins" contrast with Paul's understanding of sin?
7. Where do you see this information influencing your spirituality? The church? The world?