



The Gospel Reveals God's Heart and Hope for Humanity

Galatians 2:15-21

REVIEW

1. The harsh tone of the letter conveys the seriousness of the issue at hand. (1:6-10)
2. Paul establishes his credentials in order to validate his message of correction. (1:11- 2:10)
3. Paul confronts Peter's hypocrisy. (2:11-14)

WHAT GOD THINKS OF YOU & WHY (2:15-16)

1. **Jewish people possessed advantages that non-Jews did not.**

Gal. 2:15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners;

Rom. 3:1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?
2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.

2. **These advantages mean nothing in regards to a person's right standing before God since God's view of us is not based on personal performance.**

Gal. 2:16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

NOTES:

THE FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLE:

No person is viewed as righteous in God's eyes based upon their efforts to conform to a code – or system of conduct. Being “right” before God comes solely through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

WHAT THIS PRINCIPLE REQUIRES:

All people must put their trust into Jesus in order to be right with God.

WHAT GOD WANTS FOR YOU & WHY (2:17-20)

1. Freedom to be united to one another.

Gal. 2:17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!

2. Freedom from a law-based system as a means for righteousness.

Gal. 2:18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.
19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

Rom. 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin.

3. Freedom to live in and for the righteousness of Jesus.

Gal. 2:20 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.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT? (2:21)

Gal. 2:21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Gal. 3:21b ...if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law.

REVIEW/DISCUSS

1. God values humanity so much that he sent his son to suffer and die so that we could be made righteous in him. It has nothing to do with our ability or merit! Is that easy or difficult for you to accept? Why?

APPLY

1. The truth of Galatians 2:20 is profound in its ability to correct our proclivity towards legalism or license. Choose some method to keep this verse at the forefront of your mind this coming week (notecards, phone reminders, reading together as a family, etc.). Determine a plan to memorize this verse – with deep comprehension as the goal!

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God So Loved

Bless The Lord O My Soul (Ps. 103)

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Before the Throne of God Above

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