

Galatians: Salvation from Beginning to End

2:11-21 "Justification by Faith"

Review of Galatians so Far

- Paul writes to Galatians in response to the **Judaizers** forcing Christian Gentiles to conform to the **Mosaic** Law.
- Paul reminds the church that there is only **one** Gospel, which came from Jesus **directly**.
- Paul recounts his conversion, reception of the Gospel, and encounter with the Jerusalem Apostles as proof that his Gospel is the **true** the Gospel.

Culture Conflict (10-14)

- In society Jews and Gentiles did not share **table** fellowship.
- In the church Jews and Gentiles were **required** to share in table fellowship.
- The group from James is the same group that gave Peter trouble after the conversion of **Cornelius**. (See Acts 11)
- Barnabas is mentioned as an **extreme** example of the power of the Judaizers.
- Paul's confrontation was **public** and pointed out Peter's **hypocrisy**.
- Peter's hypocrisy was in **conflict** with the gospel.

Isn't All Sin in Conflict with The Gospel?

- Paul's is not accusing Peter of preaching a **false** gospel. (Gal. 2:7)
- Paul is accusing Peter is **acting** in a way the denies the truth of the gospel.
- Peter's actions and Peter's theology were out of **sync**.

Justification by Faith (15-16)

- Note Paul's contrasts between sinners and Jews—Gentile equals **sinner**.
- All the Jewish believers knew that had become Christians faith **alone**.
- Definition of Justification:
 - There are two groups:
 - **Righteous**
 - **Sinners**
 - Justification is being put into the camp of "**righteous**."
 - Because we are "in Christ," the righteous one, we are **counted** righteous

Justified, but Still a Sinner (17-21)

- Paul's gentile converts were justified by faith, but still looked like **sinners** (in the Gentile way).
- A true believer isn't one who outwardly performs works of the law, but who inwardly lives the life of **faith**.
- Justification leads us down a path of **humility** that welcomes us to the **table** for fellowship with Christ.