

The Image we project to the world reflects our desired reality.

What are we trying to filter out?

The Blemishes- The imperfections according to the world. These range from our personalities, our physical appearances, intelligence, circumstances, the things we are born into and born with.

Our blemishes are often used to make us doubt God.

There is beauty in your blemish!

The Artifacts- All of us have these artifacts that are present due to past decisions and some of us in this room are living out the effects of others sin. These artifacts are present in our lives. We know this because of Paul's words in Romans:

Galatians 2.20 **"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."**

- Paul wrote a letter to a group of churches in Galatia called Galatians.
- This letter was written from a place of frustration for Paul because at this point in the early church there were just as many non-Jew Christians as Jew Christians.
- Many of the Jewish Christians were imposing Jewish practices from the Torah.
- The belief was that for these non-Jew Christians they had to follow these practices and if they didn't, they would boot them and shame them.

We all have attempted to present to one another a picture of perfection. Galatians is reminding us that no longer do we have to seek to impress God because of Jesus. The life you live is the result of faith in the Son of God. Our sins done to us and ones we've committed don't need to be hidden.

When we stop hiding God starts healing.

Christ redemptive work on the cross enables us to live filter free.

We are all a work in progress, people trying our best. No longer do we need to fix all the blemishes and artifacts because the Holy Spirit lives in us if we are in Christ.