



Galatians: No Other Gospel!

The Heart of the Gospel: Galatians 2:15-21

Introduction

1. A continuing of the apostolic confrontation
2. The most important paragraph in the book of Galatians

❖ Galatians 2:15-16

What is justification?

1. Justification is a legal term
2. Justification is MUCH more than “just as if I never sinned.”

❖ 2 Corinthians 5:21—*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

3. Justification is eternal and unchangeable

❖ Romans 8:33-35, 37-39—*Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How is one justified before God?

1. We are NOT justified by works of the law

❖ Romans 3:20—*For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

❖ Romans 3:28—*For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

❖ Romans 3:10-12—*“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”*

2. We ARE justified by faith in Christ alone

❖ Galatians 2:16 (KJV)—*Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, **that we might be justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law:*



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1. Faith unites us to Christ in his death

- ❖ Philippians 2:8—*being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*
- ❖ Romans 3:23-25—*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, **to be received by faith.***
- ❖ 1 Peter 2:24-25—*...bore our sins in his body on the tree*

2. Faith unites us to Christ in his life

- ❖ Philippians 3:8-9—*in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith*

3. Faith unites us to a savior who LOVES us!

❖ **Galatians 2:21**

Closing Applications

1. Obey this gospel which calls you to faith and repentance.
2. Believe and glory in the one true gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Stand for this gospel and accept no other.