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Galatians 2:11–21 – But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, "Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions? You and I are Jews by birth, not 'sinners' like the Gentiles. Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law." But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God. 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. I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

1. Hypocrisy always damages the church.

1 John 4:20 – If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

2. Unity always advances the Gospel.

1 Corinthians 1:10 – I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

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3. Justification is always a gift from God.

Romans 5:1 (CSB) – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. The crucified life always requires trusting God completely.

Romans 6:6 – We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.

Coming soon:



1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC and to sign up for info and prayer updates.
2. **Baptisms:** If you're ready to go public with your faith, it's not too late to use the QR code to sign up for our next baptisms on Sunday, October 25.
3. **Change the World:** Continue to bring in your Change the World boxes to help us plant churches in parts of the world without access to the Gospel. We will be collecting donations through November 1.
4. **Holiday Mash-Up:** The holidays can be chaotic, frustrating, and less than joyful. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 6, at 6:00 pm for our annual women's event and discover how to not only survive but shine the light of Jesus during the holidays. Use the QR code to register today.
5. **DRC 101:** Want to learn more about DRC and how to become a member? Sign up today for our next DRC 101 class: Sunday, November 8, during the 9:15 am service.