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NOTES

Living in Step with the Gospel

Galatians 2:11-21

What compels Paul to confront Peter “to his face”?

- Peter being a hypocrite (v. 13) and not living in step with the truth of the gospel (v. 14)
- *Hypocrisy is worth confronting.*

What is the gospel we live in step with?

- *Justification by faith*
- Justification: Innocent, not guilty. “Counted righteous.”
- By faith: Not the result of anything we have done.

How do those “justified by faith” now live?

- We are to live out our lives on the basis of **who we are in Christ.**
- We live **crucified lives** (v. 20) – our old life, who we were before Christ, has died. *Our* interests and goals no longer direct our lives; rather, Christ who lives in us now directs us.
- **The motivation:** “*The Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*” (v. 20)

Study Guide

Discuss / Reflect

1. In which areas of your life have you been increasingly walking in line with the gospel over the last month? The last year?
2. Are there people you have not been “eating with” because they are not “like you”? What self-righteousness lies beneath this attitude?
3. How would you explain *justification by faith* to someone who has never been to church before?
4. How would you explain the difference between being moral and being a Christian to someone who thinks being good makes them acceptable to God?

Pray

Thank God that you have been declared righteous – justified – by faith! That you did nothing to earn it or deserve it. That though you were helpless and unable to save yourself, Christ came and did what you could not do!

Memorize

Galatians 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.”

Apply

What areas in your life are not in line with the truth of the gospel?