

THE SWEETNESS OF FREEDOM

GALATIANS

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PART 4: THE REMEDY FOR LEGALISM

Galatians 2:11-21

A Conflict in Antioch *(Galatians 2:11-14)*

*The threat of LEGALISM is a constant danger!

*If the Apostle Peter could succumb to it, so can we!
We must be on constant guard against it!*

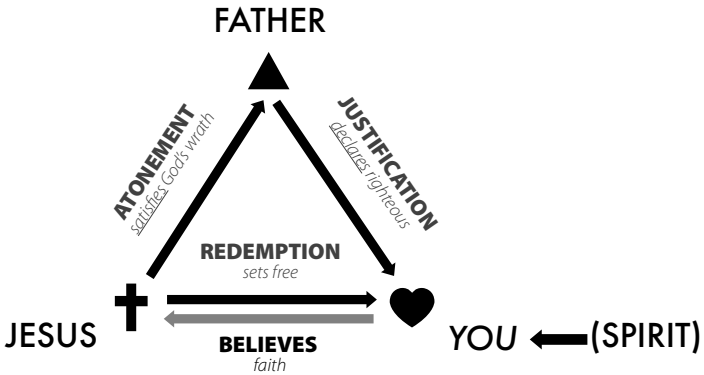
- Too much emphasis on or confusion of “Open Hand” issues of theology/practice.
- The “-ist” Attitudes... *class-ist, nationalist, racist...*
- No Sacred Cows?

The Remedy for Legalism *(Galatians 2:15-21)*

Justification by Faith

Galatians 2:16

16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.



Dead People Don't Earn Anything! (Credit or Demerit)

Galatians 2:20

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.

1. The Remedy for the **PRIDE** of legalism.

2. The Remedy for the **DESPAIR** of legalism.

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

GETTING STARTED

1. Spend some time catching up on your week together. Share the highlight of your week and the low. Pray for one another before you begin.
2. **Read Galatians 2:11-21.**

DISCUSS

3. In which areas have you been increasingly walking in line with the gospel over the last month? The last year?
4. Are there people in your church you have not been “eating with” because they are not “like you”? What self-righteousness lies beneath this attitude?
5. How could you motivate yourself, and other Christians, less with guilt and more with the gospel?
6. Is Christ’s death everything to you? What difference does this make to your love for Him and your actions in life?
7. How would you explain “justification by faith” to someone who has never been to church before?
8. How would you explain the difference between being moral and being a Christian to someone who thinks being good makes them acceptable to God?

WRAPPING UP

Take some time to discuss the traps of legalism Pastor Josh discussed that we can fall into (see bullets on page 1). To which are you individually or you as a 1:10 Group most vulnerable?

Now discuss **Galatians 2:20** and how we’re the “living dead”! How does being justified by faith remedy our spiritual pride? Our personal despair?

Many questions taken from “Galatians for You” by Timothy Keller (Purcellville, VA: The Good Book Company, 2013).

FREEDOM

Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Galatians 2:15-21 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

1 We ourselves are **Jews** by **birth** and not **Gentile sinners**; yet we **know** that a **person** is not **justified** by **works** of the law but through **faith** in **Jesus Christ**, so we **also** have **believed** in **Christ Jesus**, in **order** to be **justified** by **faith** in **Christ** and not by **works** of the law, **because** by **works** of the law no one will be **justified**. But if, in our **endeavor** to be **justified** in **Christ**, we too were **found** to be **sinners**, is **Christ then a servant** of sin? **Certainly** not! For if I **rebuild** what I **tore** down, I **prove** myself to be a **transgressor**. For through the law I **died** to the law, so that I might **live** to God. 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. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, **then Christ died** for no purpose.

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