



SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

IDENTITY CRISIS

Pastor Jason Uptmore // Galatians 2:11-21

PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

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11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? 15 "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; 16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. 17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be! 18 For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through [j]the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- What's a time when a friend called you out for something, and in the end, you were glad they did it? How did it change things?
- What's your natural reaction to confrontation? Does it come easily or do you tend to avoid it?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- 01.** Prior to the arrival of influential Jewish men, Peter sat and ate with the Gentiles in fellowship. However, upon their arrival, Peter withdrew from eating with the Gentiles. This caused many others to also withdraw from the Gentiles including Barnabas. When Paul saw that the truth of the gospel was not made clear, he confronted Peter (v. 11-14).
 - What do you notice about Paul's tone and method of confronting Peter?

GROW IN THE WORD

- Why do you think Paul is so passionate in his rebuke of Peter? What does this story have to do with his main point in the book so far? See also Acts 10:28, 44-48.

- What do you think led Peter to act the way he did? How have things like social pressure or fear of criticism affected you?

02. Paul explained that both Jews and Gentiles are justified by faith in Jesus, not by any works of the law. Even though the Jews had the law, they believed in Jesus. Paul emphasized that righteousness cannot come from the law and that through faith in Christ, he became united with Christ in his death and resurrection (v. 15-21).

- What big ideas do you see in this passage? Consider the key words that Paul repeats.

GROW IN THE WORD

- How would you define what it means to be "justified"? See also Romans 3:20-28.
- In light of verse 20, in what ways can you imitate Paul and live in submission to Christ in you? Consider the ways it is more natural to submit to Christ and the ways in which it is challenging to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, October 20 | 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship at Morgan's Wonderland during our annual picnic! Admission to the park, including new attractions, is free and we will have food trucks onsite if you'd prefer not bringing in your own lunch. Learn more online.

HYMN SING

October 27 | 5 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall

Come join us for an evening of hymns as we worship God in song. All ages are invited and we look forward to this time to come together in worship and prayer.