

## FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING JESUS

### DINNER TIME DISCUSSION:

How does knowing God loves me and accepts me regardless of my performance help me get through my days?

### GOSPEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE:

Peter was following different rules and standards of living when he was with different groups of people (See Galatians 2:11-14.). Look at your own life. Are you the same at home, work, school, church and in the grocery store? Are you living a consistent life?

### FOR FURTHER STUDY:

For this coming series we have two recommended books that will be available for purchase at the Information Center:

*What's So Amazing About Grace* - Philip Yancey  
*The Gospel Primer* - Milton Vincent

### MEMORY VERSE:

*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.*

Galatians 2:20

### DEVELOPING DISCIPLINES:

Keep practicing the 4Qs this week as you read Scripture.

These are the 4 questions (4Qs) to ponder and pray through as you read the Bible: (1) Who is God? (2) What has He done? (3) Who am I in light of who He is & what He's done? (4) How should I live?

Get out a notebook to keep near your Bible to record your thoughts in these areas.



To be a Christ centered community helping people faithfully follow Jesus both locally and globally.

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Galatians 2

Freedom

ROOTED  
in Grace



### SERMON NOTES

1. Two Key Words to keep us "Rooted in Grace"

#### GOSPEL & JUSTIFICATION.

2. The **GOSPEL** is:

By **GRACE** alone, through **FAITH** alone, in **CHRIST** alone.

3. **JUSTIFICATION** is:

- a. God **DECLARING** us **RIGHTEOUS** in His sight by **CREDITING** the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Christ to our **ACCOUNT**.

- b. **ONLY** given as a **GIFT** by **GRACE** and never **EARNED**.

- c. The **ESSENCE** of the **GOSPEL**.

4. **JUSTIFICATION** creates:

- a. Freedom from **SIN'S PENALTY**.

- b. Freedom from **SIN'S POWER**.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

What is a favorite fall activity you like to do?

What is your least favorite "get ready for winter" job you do in the fall?

Use the last question from last week to start hearing each other's gospel stories this week!

**Faithfully Following -Follow Up** - Any questions on using the 4Qs? On Galatians 1? What did you find in Galatians 2?

## CHRIST CENTERED DISCUSSION:

1. What is the Gospel? How would you describe it to a non-believing friend? What about Jesus is good news to you?

Good news that sinners are forgiven through grace alone on grounds of Jesus' death, not through anything we do. And we now live with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.

Last week, we referenced these gospel passages: Galatians 1:4, Colossians 1:13-14, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. You can sit in these again. The Bible is full of gospel passages. Here are a few more to chew on: Titus 2:11-14, Colossians 2:13-14; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:3-5.

2. What is justification? How is it different from sanctification?

Justification: imputed righteousness, how God sees us, God's declaration based on Christ's word. Sanctification: imparted righteousness, how the world sees us because it's our character that is grown by the Holy Spirit.

a. What difference would it make to you if you had to earn your way to God by keeping the Jewish Laws? Conversely, if you are a self-made person who likes to see everyone "pay their own way" or "earn their fair share", how does this gospel of unmerited favor strike you? See Romans 3:9-11, 19, 20, 23 & James 2:10.

b. How is the word "justify" commonly used today? How does Paul use the term (v. 15-16)? What is the difference and why does it matter so much? Using Galatians 2:15-16 with Acts 13:38-39, reiterate again what the gospel is all about?

3. How does Galatians 2 continue the idea of Jesus ALONE, not Jesus AND?

For help, look at what Peter was doing in verses 11-14 that Paul opposed? What was wrong with this? Bringing it into our time, what are some ways people believe you need Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ in order to be accepted by God?

a. How are you tempted to prove your righteousness beyond faith alone?

b. One commentator states that not to trust in Christ alone for our salvation is an insult to the grace of God and the cross of Christ. Why would he conclude that in light of Galatians chapters 1 & 2? Essentially it declares both as unnecessary

4. If we really believe we don't have to add any of our own work in order to justify ourselves, how would that change how we live as individuals? as families? as life groups?

5. According to Galatians 2:20, what happens when someone embraces that salvation is only by God's grace alone in Christ alone by faith alone? See also Ezekiel 36:26-27. How does this make the Christian faith unique among the world's many religions? What does this look like in your daily life as you seek to live for Jesus?

Memorize Galatians 2:20