

Reflection Questions

Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

How did Peter fail to live out the doctrine of justification by faith alone?

Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

How does the fear of man slip in?

Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

Is it enough to simply understand a doctrine?

Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

How do other believers stir us up to holy living?

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 113:1-9

Song #15 ~ Behold Our God

Prayer

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 19:1-11

Song #328 ~ Speak, O Lord

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:1-37

Prayer

Sermon ~ Galatians 2:11-14

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #218 ~ All I Have is Christ

Galatians 2:20

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.

Pastor Dan Benitez ~ 813-751-4305

www.CalvaryBaptistTampa.com

Text: Galatians 2:11-14

Theme: Justification is by faith apart from the works of the Law.

Introduction: Why does Paul continue giving biographical information? He has already proven that his message is authentic (1:11-2:10). He seems to be using his biography to point out the common problem that the churches in Galatia were facing (1:7; cf. 5:13, 15). They had been taught justification by faith alone, but had quickly deserted that truth (1:6). Their struggle was no different than the struggle that all of us face, including Peter.

- I) Even though you are convinced that justification is by faith alone, you must live out your belief (11-14).
 - A. Even though you believe in justification by faith alone, it is easy to fall into hypocrisy (11-14).
 1. Although some of the details are hard to work out (i.e. were “the rest of the Jews” believers or just Jewish; 13), the main point is clear. Peter was eating with the Gentiles, but when there was pressure from certain Jews Peter quickly withdrew from the Gentiles (12). Peter was acting in hypocrisy (13).
 2. Hypocrisy is saying or doing one thing outwardly, but inwardly thinking another (14; cf. Mark 7:6).
 3. Peter’s hypocrisy caused Barnabas to be carried away into the same hypocrisy (13). This is exactly what was happening in Galatia. Those who were distorting the Gospel in Galatia were causing others to follow in the same way (cf. circumcision; 5:3).
 - B. We often fail to live out justification by faith alone because of the fear of man (12).

1. The fear of man (12) is similar to the phrase “seeking to please men” (1:10). It would have been easy for Paul to preach what the Galatians wanted to hear (1:8). Instead, though, he recognized that he could not please God and man (1:10).
 2. King Saul struggled with the fear of man (1 Sam 15:18-20, 24, 30). In fact, even after Samuel told him that God was going to rip the kingdom from his hand, he still wanted Samuel to come back with him so that the elders would think that everything was ok.
 3. The fear of man causes us to completely disregard God’s Word.
- C. What does it look like to fail to live in the truth of the Gospel (14)?
1. First, we must ask what it was for Peter to not live out the truth of the Gospel. Instead of eating with both Jews and Gentiles, Peter withdrew himself and only ate with Jews. Essentially, Peter was making a distinction between Jews and Gentiles. Peter was viewing the Gentiles as inferior.
 2. Peter was living like a Gentile or like the world. It’s not uncommon for the world to view some people as better than others. But for Christians, we are all on the same footing. We have all been made clean through the blood of Jesus Christ. We were all dead in our sins and needing to be brought to life (Eph. 2). When we view other Christians as inferior, we are failing to live out the truth of the Gospel.