
Finding Freedom: A Study In Galatians

"Justified By Faith"

Galatians 2:11-21

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Introduction: As we continued to work through Galatians last week, we focused on how we can deal with diversity.

1. Diversity was a reality in Paul's day as more & more Gentiles turned to Christ.
 - It resulted in friction which undermined community & effectiveness.
 - Thankfully, we learned important lessons from Paul's example.
2. This morning our focus is more theological. That doesn't mean it's not practical.
 - Theology should be practiced in our daily lives.
 - When it is not, truth is compromised.
 - Our text today illustrates that problem.
3. As Paul confronts the hypocrisy, he reminds us we are justified by faith in Christ & what that means in our daily lives.

I. The Problem: Blatant Hypocrisy

A. Freedom In Antioch

B. Bowing To Peer Pressure

C. An Infection

II. The Danger: A Confusing Gospel

A. A Good Question

B. A Clear Choice

C. What It Means (And Doesn't Mean)

D. A Closing Statement

Conclusion: This is an important moment for the church.

1. At this time, Peter was the dominant personality within Christianity.
2. If his example stood unchallenged, the cause of Christ would suffer. The same reality exists today.
3. There should be a direct connection between what we believe & how we live. When this is not true, the cause of Christ suffers.
4. This would be a great time to do some serious self-evaluation & make sure your beliefs & behaviors are aligned!