

Living Connections Bible Study

GOOD NEWS!



Freedom and Responsibility

Text: Galatians 2:1-21

Prayer

Icebreaker: Why is the Gospel such good news?

1. Look up the Bible definition for justification. Romans 5:1, 9, 18-19

2. When the Judaizers came to Antioch, insisting that the Gentiles needed to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses what did Paul and Barnabas do to resolve this conflict?
Acts 15:1-3, 5; Galatians 2:1-5

3. What lesson do we learn from Paul in verse 6?

4. Is there a different Gospel for the Jews and another for the Gentiles? Verses 7-9; Acts 15:11

5. What should every genuine child of God be known for?
Verse 10; Matthew 5:16; James 2:8, 14-17

6. Why did it become necessary for Paul to rebuke Peter before the church at Antioch? In what ways can Christians be guilty of similar acts of prejudice? Verses 11-14

7. How did the Jews of Paul's day see the Gentiles? Verse 15

8. What clear statements regarding justification before God does Paul make in verse 16?

9. When Christians, we who are justified by faith, should we blame Christ? Verse 17

10. What is the result when Christians go back to the Law to try to establish their own righteousness before God?

Verse 18, Philippians 3:4-9; James 2:10; Romans 4:4-5

11. If righteousness is not obtainable through the Law, why did God give us the Law?

Romans 3:19-20; 7:7, 13; Galatians 3:23-25

12. What then is the key to victory over sin in our Christian lives? Verse 20; Romans 12:1-2

Think About it This Week:

If there was any other way for me to be saved than through the cross would Jesus have left the glory He shared with His Father in Heaven to be born in a smelly cattle shed, to experience hunger, thirst, exhaustion, ridicule, rejection, and crucifixion, suffering the hell I deserve to pay? No Way!

Paul said, *I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.* Galatians 2:21

The Law says Do! but God's grace says, Done!