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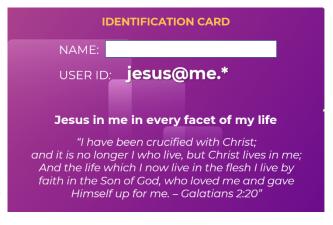
But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" ¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. 17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 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. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

^{3:3}Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?¹

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Big Idea:

Sermon Notes



For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

• Read Galatians 2:16-17 and Ephesians 2:8-9. What does it mean to be justified by faith?

Tuesday:

• Read Galatians 2:11-18. What issue did Paul (the author) have with Peter (Cephas)? Since circumcision is not likely to be an issue in the church today, think of an example of a similar issue in a modern context. Why would this be something that Paul would not approve of?

Wednesday:

• Read Galatians 2:17-19,21. If I am justified by faith and not by works, then should I not care if I continue to do the wrong thing, if I continue in sin?

Thursday:

• How does "jesus@me.*" describe my identity in Christ? Why is "jesus@me" a better representation of Galatians 2:20 than "me@jesus"? What does the asterisk "*" stand for at the end of "jesus@me.*"?

Friday:

How does Galatians 2:20 affect how I continue to live my life? We have been justified by trusting in Christ instead
of trust in our own works, our own accomplishments, our own status, and our own resume. Now that our identity is
in Christ, does it make sense to reverse course and now live our life trusting in our own works instead of trust in
Christ who lives in us?

If you have a hardcopy of the notes, please cut out the "identification card" at the bottom right and keep it as a reminder to allow Christ to direct us, and that it is "Jesus is in me, in every facet of my life" = jesus@me.*

Daily Prayer: "Heavenly Father, thank you for Your great love and grace for me, making a way for me to be a part of your family despite my sin. I was hopeless without You, but now I trust in You for eternal life.

Help me each day to continue trusting in You in every facet of my life."