

Faith Check - Part 2

Galatians 2:11-21

Focal Vs. 15-16

Introduction

Is there a work man can do, or a law man can keep that will make him perfect? No

Galatians foundation is salvation is a gift from God, not of works.

- The major conflict was Gentiles must adopt Jewish customs to be right with God.
- Paul's message is Christ is sufficient.
- Peter's action was contrary to Paul's message.

Comparison of Jews & Gentiles – Vs. 15.

1. Peter's actions only supported the Judaizers' argument.
A. Argument – Jews are more entitled than the Gentiles.
2. We who are Jews by nature – we are entitled to God's favor.
A. Gentiles must do more to gain the favor of God.
3. Note the wording of vs. 15 – "Sinners of the Gentiles".
A. This term represents the Judaizers' thinking.
1) *It means ranked sinners.*

Faith Check – We must be careful we can take on the same mindset.

1. Subconsciously – we can look around and think – I'm better than that person.
A. We tend to classify people.
2. Jews somehow took on the thinking they were entitled to God because they were Jews by birth.

Christianity has never been a position of privilege and entitlement.

Christianity is a position of responsible to represent Christ.

Law and works will never justify us to God – Vs. 16.

Truth about man.

1. *We are short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23).*
2. *We are imperfect beings (Ecc. 7:20).*
3. *We are incomplete (Col. 2:9-10).*

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

⁶ But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Faith in Jesus Christ justifies man to God – Vs. 16.

Justification – Diakioun

1. Greek verbs ending in "oun" means to count to someone's credit.
A. Apply to your account.
2. Justify is a legal term taken from the court.
A. Man is standing on trial before God.
3. Jesus takes on man's condemnation when he went to the cross.
4. When we accept God by faith we are justified with God.

Grasp this and it will help your faith.

1. *You are still guilty*
2. *You are not innocent.*
3. *Christ righteousness has been applied to your account.*

Application

1. *We must learn to begin each day dying to self.*
2. *Dying to self means we put off and put on.*

Colossians 3:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; ¹⁰ And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

- 3. There is no big “I” and little “you” in Christ.***
- 4. When we are in Christ our past is past.***