

Sermon Title: "Justified by Faith in the Gospel"

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Text: Galatians 2: 11-21

Main Point

The Christian life is a continual process of renewing our minds and re-aligning our lives with the central truth of the gospel, that is our justification by faith in Jesus Christ.

Key Ideas

We must *apply* every day *the truth* of the gospel to our lives.

We must renew *our mind* every day in the truth of our justification thru faith in Jesus Christ.

We must renew *our faith* every day in our justification by putting our faith *in* Jesus Christ.

Application

1. Read Galatians 2: 11-21.
2. Does it surprise you that Peter gave into his fear of the "James Gang" in Antioch? Why or why not? Why does Paul accuse him of hypocrisy?
3. In what areas of your life have you been more concerned with the approval of others than the approval of God?
4. Bauer suggested that what cripples the fear of man is not will-power but the truth of the gospel when it is ***applied*** to our lives. What is the difference between 'believing' and 'applying' the gospel (hint: think about Peters' failure). How would applying the gospel free you from excessive concern about the opinion of others? How would knowing you have God's full approval in Christ weaken your temptation to compromise and free you to live for God and not another's approval?
5. What does the word "justified" mean in vs. 16? Why does Paul repeats this word 3 times in one verse? What steps can you take to grow in your understanding of this truth?
6. How do you daily go about renewing your mind in the truth of your justification through faith in Jesus Christ?

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