

Galatians 2:6-21

Study Guide

1. What were the primary tensions faced by early Christians and how do you think those tensions compare to challenges faced by Christians today?
2. The churches in Galatia were in crisis. Can you identify with times in your life when you've faced a crisis that challenged your identity or beliefs?
3. Paul talks about being "justified by faith in Christ." What does this mean to you, and how does it impact your understanding of your own identity?
4. How does the image of being in a grand courtroom of divine justice change your perspective on your own righteousness and identity?
5. The sermon discusses the idea of being "in Christ" and clothed in His righteousness. How does this concept resonate with you personally?
6. Why do you think Paul called out Peter for separating himself from Gentiles in the mixed gathering? How does this relate to the theme of a fresh identity in Christ?
7. We emphasize oneness in Christ and the idea that there are no outsiders in the family of Jesus. How does this idea challenge or change the way you view fellowship with other Christians?
8. How do you personally experience God's love and satisfaction in your life, especially during times of fragility or restlessness?

Galatians 2:6-21 Message Outline

1. Big Idea: We need a fresh perspective on our identity.
2. Galatia map
3. Galatians 2:16
"So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be **justified** by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be **justified**."
4. Galatians 2:19
"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God."
5. Galatians 2:20
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
6. **So what does a fresh identity mean for my life?**
 - a. Actual Freedom
 - b. Oneness in the community of Christ
 - c. Peace with God

Romans 5:1 "Therefore since we have been justified through faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ"