

THE EPISTLE *of* PAUL THE APOSTLE to THE GALATIANS

CHAPTER 2:11-19

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Truth About Christianity”

THE THEME OF BOOK:

IS IN FACT A QUESTION:

HOW CAN WE (WHO ARE SINFUL BY NATURE), COME TO GOD (WHO IS
HOLY BY NATURE)

WHEN MY SINS HAVE SEPARATED ME FROM GOD AND EVEN DOMINATE MY
LIFE?

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Galatians 2:11-21

The Summation Sentence

Freedom is man's most sought after Goal. A man will seek to become rich so that he might have a form of freedom. A man might obtain power so that he can have freedom. A country will protect itself and its interest for freedom. Yet the freedom man seeks to possess can never be his without God.

Freedom is an Elusive Treasure

John 8:36

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

1.) *It exposes man's weaknesses*

vv. 11-13

Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; 12 because before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

a.) *A much needed confrontation*

vv. 11

Now when Peter had come to Antioch,
I withstood him to his face, because he was to be **blamed**;

**Peter & the Gentiles had been enjoying a
wonderful time in Antioch!**

...because he was to be **blamed**;

“ Needed Confrontation ”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

No Compromise of Truth

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

It exposes man's weaknesses

b.) *A just cause to confront*

vv. 12

because before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.

c.) *A sad consequence*

vv. 13

And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

2.) *It gives opportunity to correct*

vv. 14-16

a.) *A godly reaction*

vv. 14

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel I said..."

**This is not a Human Arrogance.
It's a love for the Truth...**

**Have You Fallen in Love with Jesus
& and His Words?**

A Godly reaction

Ephesians 4:26
"Be angry, and sin not..."

so I said to Peter before them all,

Everybody Heard It - *thanks Paul!*

"If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"

You were fine earlier
- but now you're acting contrary to the truth

Peter, You've Been Preaching one Thing, but Acting another.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

It gives opportunity to correct

b.) A logical response

vv. 15-16a

15 "We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law;

We are enlightened Jews
(*They are uninformed pagans*)

As Jews , we know that

a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ

PAUL CONFRONTS PETER'S FALSEHOOD WITH PURE DOCTRINE

Paul Reminds Peter about his Confession;

even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law;

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

It gives opportunity to correct

c.) A divine revelation

vv. 16b

... for by the works of the law no flesh shall be **justified**.

Justified

grk 1344 dikaiōo (dik-ah-yo'-o);
to render, to show, to regard as just or innocent: free, justify,
righteous.

To be Justified does not mean...

To be Pardoned, or to be Acquitted, or Excused

It means to become free from all that was, is,
shall be evil in life

2 Corinthians 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their
trespasses to them anymore

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 3:28-30

For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. 29 Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, 30 since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

3.) *It stands in defense of truth*

vv. 17-19

a.) *Justification is in Christ alone*

vv. 17-18

"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

Jesus Doesn't Have Two Requirements
(grace and works)

Only Grace
(that must be received through faith)

If God Said it – That Settles it

"For if I build again those things which I destroyed,
I make myself a transgressor."

Why would you go back to Judaism and the Law
when we know that it cannot save a man

One Foot in Each World?

You'll get stuck that way – and you'll never get anywhere

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

It stands in defense of truth

b.) Legalism can save no man

vv. 19

"For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

"No Posted Speed Limit
Allows you to drive as fast as it is safe"

55 mph Posted !

has an immediate effect upon your foot

Without the law I could not have known sin.
The law exposes two things.

#1 – God's perfect holiness

#2 – my gross sinfulness

Romans 7:7-10

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.

The Old Testament Law

Was designed to show us our weakness, our sinfulness, our inability

Romans 3:20-22

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

"For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

A dead man can no longer sin

After you have been condemned by the law (died), If you will come to Jesus Christ by faith. You will be alive again in Christ...

THE LAW HAS NO POWER OVER A DEAD MAN

Romans 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ,

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

4.) *It declares our freedom*

vv. 20-21

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which 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 set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

a.) *Freedom from past sins*

vv. 20a

"I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live,**"

Romans 6:1-9

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.
Death no longer has dominion over Him.

it is no longer I who live

b.) *Freedom from the sins of today*

vv. 20b

"...but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Habakkuk 2:4

...the just shall live by his faith.

The Book of Galatians Teaches Us That:

The Just
Christ Lives in Me...

The Book of Romans Teaches Us That;

Shall Live
the life which I **now live** in the flesh

The Book of Hebrews Teaches Us That;

By Faith
The life which I now live flesh I live **by faith** in the Son of God

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

c.) *Freedom from sin forever*

vv. 21

"I do not set aside the grace of God;
for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Because of Christ's Death
- I have received the righteousness of God in Him

Someone might Ask:

"Pastor Jack - what if I sin in eternity like the angels did in the past, will I be removed from heaven?"

The Ultimate Finale to Our Redemption

Will be the Full Inheritance of Our New Nature – sinless!

Hebrews 7:25-26

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**When You Make a Deposit with God;
How Safe is that Deposit?**