

Justification by Faith

Galatians 2:11-16

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Main Idea:

By faith alone those who trust in the finished work of Christ are forgiven and made righteous.

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For 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. ¹³And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But 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?"

What is the connection to justification by faith?

1. When the core doctrines of the faith are being negated, the violators must be opposed for the sake of the gospel.
2. When you claim to believe justification by faith but allow the fear of man to force you to act contrary, you are a hypocrite and out of step with the gospel.
3. When you think that your works or race make you superior to others, you violate justification by faith.

No one is justified by works

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Justified: declared righteous.

- *Romans 3:11, 20, 23-24*

Justification is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone

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Justification is the gracious act of God by which God declares a sinner righteous solely through faith in Jesus Christ.

- *Romans 3:24-26*

So What?

- Am I trusting in Christ alone through faith alone by grace alone?
 - *Titus 3:4-7*