

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 2:20****General & Personal Letters 1-1**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**“JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH”  
READ Galatians 1:1-2:21**

**DAY 1 READ Galatians 1:1-2:21**

1. Share what was important to you from the opening lecture.
2. In today’s reading, how do you see Paul dealing with . . .
  - a. . . . heresy?
  - b. . . . harassment?
  - c. . . . hypocrisy?

**DAY 2 REVIEW Galatians 1:1-10**

3. How did Paul seek to defend his call as an apostle to the Galatians?
4. According to this passage, why did Jesus Christ give Himself for our sins?
5. a. What accusation did Paul bring against some Galatian brethren?  
  
b. What was the gospel he preached as found in the following verses?  
1 Corinthians 15:1-5  
  
Ephesians 1:7  
  
Ephesians 2:8  
  
Romans 10:9-13
- c. What is your reaction when you hear the gospel distorted?
- d. What was the counsel in 2 John vs. 7-11?

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### **DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW Galatians 1:1-10**

6. a. Review 1 Corinthians 9:20-22. Why would Paul's justification in Galatians 1:10 be necessary?
- b. What does the phrase "be a people-pleaser" mean to you in today's society?
- c. What do you think is the "key" to being a balanced Christian in this area of Christian walk?

### **DAY 3 REVIEW Galatians 1:11-24**

7. How did Paul receive his knowledge of the gospel?
8. How did Paul describe himself . . .
  - a. . . . before conversion? (vs. 13,14)
  - b. . . . at conversion? (vs. 15-17)
  - c. . . . after conversion? (vs. 18-24)
9. a. In verse 14 Paul said he was "zealous." Why is zeal an admirable characteristic for a Christian?
- b. What should be remembered according to Proverbs 19:2?
10. Consider Galatians 1:17,18. Why do you think Paul would benefit from a delay of three years?
11. Are you praising God for new Christians? (vs. 24) Write Psalm 145:10-12 or your own heartfelt praise.

### **DAY 4 REVIEW Galatians 2:1-10**

- 12.a. Paul went to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in response to a \_\_\_\_\_. Why did he go?
- b. What was Paul's concern?

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### **DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Galatians 2:1-10**

- 13.a. According to Acts 15:5, what requirement for salvation was set forth by some Pharisees who believed?
- b. (IN-DEPTH) Why did the correct resolution of this issue become critical to the application of the gospel in a believer's life?
14. In verse 4 Paul spoke of "the freedom we have in Christ Jesus." Why do you think this freedom is often misunderstood?

(If you have a question about this freedom, write it here.)

15. Peter was called to minister the gospel to the \_\_\_\_\_ (or circumcised) while Paul was called to the \_\_\_\_\_ (or uncircumcised).
16. What request did the Jerusalem brethren make of Paul?

### **DAY 5 REVIEW Galatians 2:11-21**

- 17.a. What behavior of Peter did Paul criticize and why?
- b. Think about Paul opposing Peter "face to face." How would you (or do you) feel confronting hypocrisy?
- c. What admonition concerning reproof do we find in these Scriptures?  
Proverbs 25:12  
  
Ecclesiastes 7:5
18. What does "justified by faith" mean to you personally?
19. What was Paul's point in verses 17-21 regarding reverting to Judaism?
- 20.a. Paul identified closely with Jesus by saying ". . . I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." What did Jesus say in John 14:20?
- b. When facing a personal challenge as Paul did in confronting Peter, how is that knowledge helpful to you?
21. What are your personal goals for this year's Bible study?

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses . . ."  
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