

EBC Women's Study

Lesson 9 Galatians 2:11-15

As you read through Galatians and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully **read through the entire book of Galatians and then through chapter 1 & 2 again.** Attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

- 1) **Review:** Thinking of Gal. Ch 1:1, 6-10, 11-12, 15-17a, Ch 2:1-9, what 2 major areas is Paul defending.
- 2) **Review:** Looking at Ch 2 vs 7-10, who saw that Paul was entrusted with the Gospel and recognized the grace given to Paul to preach to the Gentiles? How are they described and what did they give Paul and Barnabas? And what was the result? Vs 9
- 3) Vs 11 starts with a "But" ...what and who is being contrasted or compared to (look back at vs. 9)
- 4) Looking at vs 11 who came to Antioch, what does Paul do and why from 11b?
- 5) Vs 12 starts with "For" which explains why Paul saw Cephas as condemned and thus opposed Cephas to his face. Looking at vs12-13 explain why Paul publicly opposed Cephas? Extra Question: Why didn't Paul go to him privately first (Matt. 18, Gal. 6:1)?
- 6) Looking at vs. 12, who were these "certain men" from and why is that important? (See 12-14) Who did Cephas used to eat with and what two things did he do when the "certain men" came? Whom did he fear?
- 7) Does this "fearing the party of the circumcision" remind you of any previous Galatian passages from chapters 1 and 2? What is Paul saying here and why would he bring this up to the Galatians? How is this an encouragement to the Galatians and how is it also a stark and serious warning for us believers?
- 8) Looking at vs 13, what was the horrible result. Look at these verses related to hypocrisy and make observations. How is hypocrisy destructive and how does it lead people astray from a true relationship and true dependent walk with the LORD?
 - a) Matthew 23:28
 - b) Mark 12:15
 - c) Luke 12:1
 - d) Galatians 2:13, 2:4
 - e) 1Timothy 4:1-5

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f) 1Peter 2:1-3

9) How does vs. 13 relate to vs. 14 and what is being threatened? What did Paul do as a result and what did Paul say publicly in the presence of all? (14b-21)

10) From 2:14 What was Cephas and even Barnabas and those who were the Judaizers compelling the Gentile converts to do? How is this contrary to the True Gospel and how does this cause disunity and elevation of man and the Law over faith?

11) What does Gal. 2:15 mean, "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentile's", look up...

a) Romans 9:1-5,

b) Ephesians 2:11-22 (note Gentiles vs Jews)

NOTE: We will look at verses 16-21 in depth next time.

12) Read verses 2:16-21, make observations or repeated words and themes. What is Paul's main point and what is he further defending?

13) List other passages from Romans and Hebrews that are related to these awesome foundational truths in Galatians 2:16-21

14) Vs 20 is a pivotal verse in Galatians and part of Paul's testimony. (We'll be looking more at this in our next study.) In the meantime, here are some questions related to vs 20 to ponder and to go to the Lord and to pray about. Remember vs. 20 is part of Paul's life testimony,

a) Is this part of your testimony?

b) Has your old man been crucified?

c) Do you die to yourself, (your old man and flesh), and see those as dead?

d) Do you realize Christ lives in you?

e) Do you live by faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave Himself up for you or did Christ die needlessly?