Galatians Lesson 3

“I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST”

(The Truth of the Gospel: Justified only by Faith in Christ)

Galatians 2:11–21

Key Verse: 2:20

1. How did the circumcision group influence Peter to change his behavior, and what impact did this have? (12–13) How and why did Paul rebuke him publicly? (14) In this case, what does it mean to “act in line with the truth of the gospel”? Why was it so important for Jewish Christians to have fellowship with Gentile Christians? (3:26–29)
2. Read verses 15–16. How does the gospel apply to both Jews and Gentiles, and what contrast does Paul make here? How do people generally understand the term “justified,” and how do they pursue it? What does it mean to be justified only by faith in Christ? (Ac13:38–39; Ro1:17; 3:24–25)
3. How did Paul dispel misunderstandings about those who trust only in the gospel? (17–18) Read verse 19. What did he mean when Paul said he died to the law? (Ro7:4) For what purpose? (19b)
4. Read verse 20. What does it mean to be “crucified with Christ”? (Ro6:3–4) How was Paul changed from a self-centered to a Christ-centered person? (1Ti1:13–14; 2Co5:17; Ro14:7–8) How did Christ’s love enable him to live by faith? (20b) In light of this, why is it so important to know Jesus personally, not just theoretically?
5. Read verse 21. What two ways of living after receiving Christ does Paul contrast here? What consequence does Paul mention? Why is it important to continue to live by the grace of God?
6. How can we live only by faith in the grace of Jesus in our personal lives? How can we apply this to the way we relate to others in our field of ministry?