

Sermon: The fullness of the Gospel.
Series: Galatians: Gospel Freedom.

Scripture: Gal. 2:11-21.
Date: September 27, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. **What does this passage teach us about God?**
 - a) With God, everything is about grace. Take another look at 2:21. Paul says he will never “nullify the grace of God.” How do our own partiality and legalism end up nullifying God’s grace (making it feel worthless or useless)? On the flip side, how does justification by faith in Christ alone (v. 16) prove just how real God’s grace is?
2. **What does this passage teach us about us?**
 - a) Read 2:11–14 again. Why do you think it was so easy for Peter to slip right back into legalism and favoritism (like when he refused to eat with the Gentile “sinners”)? What kinds of situations usually cause you to slide back into legalism and partiality?
 - b) We talked about how cultural differences can turn into “gospel issues” when we do two things: 1) turn a cultural preference into a sin issue when it really isn’t one (or treat it like a “spiritual maturity” test), and 2) use cultural differences to look down on others or cause divisions. Let’s talk about how we might be drifting into one or both of these traps. How does shutting others out culturally give us a false sense of security or control? How does it make us feel superior to those around us?
3. **What does this passage teach us about grace and salvation? How does it point us to Christ?**
 - a) Re-read verse 16. This is one of the clearest, most powerful summaries of the doctrine of justification by faith alone in Christ alone. Honestly, would you say you are resting in faith alone, or are you still trying to add your own good deeds to the equation?
 - b) How does really believing the truths in Galatians 2:16 help strip away all legalism (trying to earn your salvation) and favoritism?
 - c) Read Galatians 2:20 again. What are the practical results of being united with Christ according to this verse? Does this verse honestly describe the way you see yourself and live your daily life?

APPLICATION

- a) Galatians 2:19 tells us that we have died to the law. What does that actually look like in your regular, day-to-day routine? In what ways do you still live under the law, or find yourself holding others to a legalistic standard?
- b) Galatians 2:20 says we don’t live out of our old selves anymore—instead, we live by faith in the new self that is completely united to Christ. How does this truth change your deep motivations, your attitude, and your everyday choices?

PRAYER

- Acknowledge that everything comes down to God’s grace, including the fact that we are justified in Christ.
- Confess the specific ways you’ve been drifting back into partiality and legalism lately.
- Thank Jesus for dying to the law so that, because of him, you are dead to the law too and truly alive to God.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live by faith in Christ today, rather than relying on your own rule-keeping.