



# GALATIANS

*grace changes everything*

## Sermon Questions

Date: *September 24, 2023* | Scripture: *Galatians 2:1-16*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Explain Paul's confrontation with Peter in your own words. Why is this such a big deal to Paul?
3. How has Peter abandoned the gospel by his actions?
4. How are you trying to "justify your existence"? What pursuit are you engaged with that you pour yourself into and hope you find satisfaction in? Parenting? Career? Marriage? Other?
5. How do you respond to the doctrine of justification? What is your internal response to the fact that you *should* be declared guilty but are instead declared innocent and righteous?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

Justification is actually more than a declaration of innocence. It is an invitation into the family of God. Our guilt has been taken away from us *and* Christ's righteousness has been given to us. God does not say "You're free to go," but instead "You're free to come."

Our sinful hearts find both of these declarations hard to swallow, but especially the idea that we've been invited into the family of God. Sometimes we think about God as if he is still our Judge; even if he's declared us righteous, we feel no affection between him and ourselves. Sometimes we feel like God is a police officer; though we've been declared innocent, he's keeping his eye on us to make sure we're behaving.

Growing in the gospel means learning to accept God's love as if he were our Father—because he is. If you are in Christ, you are just as much a child of God as Christ himself because you have been united to Christ.

- How are you tempted to view God in light of the hardness of your heart?
- When do you feel God's fatherly delight over you?

**ACTION:** Read John 17 this week and pray through the chapter as you meditate on God's love for you. See how Jesus works to make his Father your Father. Ask for God to reveal his fatherly love for you in new ways.