



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

No Other Gospel: Justification: Yesterday, Today, and Forever

Bible Reading: Gal.2:15-18

[Watch LIVESTREAM here at 10am](#)

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Context of Justification in Galatians

- A. Influence of circumcision party in Galatia
- B. Antioch episode
- C. Paul and Peter's strong background

Justification—Legal & Relational Aspects (2 Cor. 5:21)

- A. The Legal (forensic) Aspect
- B. Justification in Gal. 2: not 'alien righteousness transferred,' but union with the righteous One
- C. Justification in Gal. 2—Relational, participation

Justification in Galatians 2

- A. What is justification?

1. Approval/ acceptance by God
 2. Not based on works of law (Torah)
 3. Based on faith in Christ
- B. Paul and Peter's experience – “we” – 2:16
1. “We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law [Torah]
 1. The works of law do not refer to general good works
 2. “We know a person is justified by faith in Jesus Christ” v. 16a
 1. We believed in Christ Jesus
 2. So we are justified by faith in Christ
 3. Not by works of the law
 4. No one is justified by works of law
 5. Implies that the law did not justify
 6. For Peter to separate from Gentiles was to step back to pre-salvation in Christ, to before he trusted in Christ
- C. Jewish believers have had a change of status
1. From being accepted based on keeping the law [Torah] to being accepted because of faith and trust in Christ
 2. Gentile believers also accepted in Christ
 3. Now both Jewish and Gentile believers have a new and equal status.
 4. Both are righteous (justified, accepted, approved) by believing and trusting in Christ
- D. Based on this new status we can and must have common table fellowship with all believers

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

- A. Not merely mental assent
- B. A relationship of trust
- C. A response to the faithfulness of Christ
- D. It is based on the faithfulness of Jesus to the Father's will.

Initial Justification and Ongoing Justification

- A. Initial justification v. 16
- B. Ongoing justification v. 17

Application