

GOD'S GOSPEL
of GRACE

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

Scripture Reading

GALATIANS 2:11–21

THE MAIN POINT OF GALATIANS 2:11–21

Sinners can't earn a "not guilty" status with God. We can be justified only by trusting Jesus. And faith in Jesus fuels the Christian life from beginning to end.

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DEFINITION

jus•ti•fi•ca•tion *noun*

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- 3. *Gospel Counsel.*** Paul counseled Peter, the Galatians, and us to live every day, trusting Christ (verses 17-21).

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- *I'm united with Christ's resurrection*—empowered to live a new life by Christ's indwelling Spirit.

“...And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.”

— *Galatians 2:20*