



Series: Galatians: Pure Gospel – by “faith” alone

Text: Galatians 2:15-21

Title: Faith – Solo

1. How does the common person on the street think they should relate to God? _____

2. According to Galatians 2:15-16, 20 – how are we supposed to relate to God? _____

3. What does it mean to have “faith” in Jesus Christ? _____

 - a. Is it possible for people to say they have “faith” in Jesus and yet not really have “faith” in Him? How does James 2:19 help us understand the difference? _____

 - b. How do you know that you personally have saving faith in Jesus? _____

 - c. Read James 2:14, 18, 26 and explain how these verses point out that “works” (godly living) are the result of saving (or living) faith, but not the basis for it. _____

 - d. Explain these phrases in your own words: I do not obey to be accepted by God. However, I am accepted, therefore, I obey. _____

4. Read Galatians 2:15-16 and write down what Paul goes out of his way to emphasize. _____

 - a. To be “justified” means to be declared righteous by God, once and for all. Read Romans 2:1-5, 3:23 and Hebrews 9:27 and explain why we should desperately want to be justified. _____

 - b. How do we get justified according to Galatians 2:15-16? _____
 - c. What prevents us from getting justified according to Galatians 2:15-16? _____
 - d. To be “justified” means that you have been positioned before God as though you have no sin whatsoever (i.e. – you are considered morally perfect, just like Jesus). What would you say to the person who says that this means they can sin as much as they want? _____

e. How does Romans 6:1-4 address the idea of sinning more now that we are justified/perfect? _____

5. Read Galatians 2:19. When we stop using the law (godly living) as a ladder to climb up in order to get to God, we have “died to the law.” How does it affect us when we try to reach God by our morality? _____

a. Why does it drive us to Jesus when we realize the law has us “pinned down”? _____

b. How do you know that you personally are not trying to use the law as a ladder to get to God? _____

6. Explain Galatians 2:20 in your own words. _____

a. What does it mean to “live by faith” in Jesus every day? _____

b. Why do we continue to grow spiritually when we live by faith in Jesus daily? _____

c. What is an area you are in particular need of Jesus’ help right now? _____

d. Name some of Jesus’ character qualities He will give you as you continue trusting in Him for change in this area.

e. Talk about becoming more like Jesus and yet being who God created you to be. _____

f. Why is it important to be who God made you to be? _____

g. How can you discern what is simply your neutral personality, and what is sin that needs to go from your personality?

Example – some people avoid talking to people and say, “I’m just an introvert.” Or, some people dominate conversations and say, “I’m just an extrovert.” See Romans 12:2. _____

7. Explain Galatians 2:21 in your own words. _____

a. How can this verse help you to respond to people who believe Jesus is just one path of many to God? _____
