

OUR MISSION

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILLSIDE KIDS: We have more children in this church than we have ever had. Consider volunteering one Sunday a month. See Laura for details as we invest in our children's growing faith. The only places where our children hear about Jesus today is at home or church. Help us make a difference in their faith.

JOIN A GROUP: Our Tuesday prayer group and Wednesday Bible studies meet every week! Prayer is at 6:30pm on Tuesdays and our Bible Study meets on Wednesdays with childcare. We will finish Romans 4 this week.

ANNUAL READING: Our annual reading continues. This week's reading is: Psalms 69 - 76



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THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

Galatians 2:11-21
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INTRODUCTION

HYP'OCRITE, noun

1. One who feigns to be what he is not; one who has the form of godliness without the power, or who assumes an appearance of piety and virtue, when he is destitute of true religion.

-There is a hypocrisy that is held in place due to **pride**, but another that is held in place due to **pain**.

*"It is not the being seen of men that is wrong, but doing these things for the purpose of being seen of men. The problem with the hypocrite is his motivation. He does not want to be holy; he **only wants to seem to be holy**. He is more concerned with his reputation for righteousness than about **actually becoming righteous**. The approbation of men matters more to him than the **approval of God**." —Augustine*

-In a Christian context, hypocrisy will always be an offense to God, because the person in hypocrisy **shifts** from trying to please God to **attempting to please man**.

HYPOCRISY VS GOSPEL Galatians 2:11-14

-The problem of Peter's hypocrisy is not only did it damage his character, it **damaged the Gospel**.

-Not many Christians enter churches or gather together understanding the impact of their walk on their **testimony**.

-How do we live when no one is looking? God is not looking for your reputation. God **wants your heart!**

-In the Christian life, the goal is not to be **popular**, but to be **faithful**.

-The Gospel was defended at the Jerusalem council in **principle**, but Paul is now defending the Gospel in **practice**.

-In the **Strong's Greek #5272**, the word hypocrisy has a synonym word: *insincerity*.

-We have allowed *insincerity* to be a common attribute within the church so much that it is a common thing for people to substitute **attendance** for **sincerity**.

-We are never more like a hypocrite when we settle for an **insincere walk with Jesus**.

-In the Greek insincerity is hypocrisy and if we don't address insincerity in our Christian walk, a day will come when we *face the God of the universe* as **hypocrites** rather than **surrendered**.

-Hypocrites never surrender to God because they are serving someone else, usually themselves, but a person surrendered to God will surrender to no other.

-The genuine believer understands their **inconsistencies before God** and lives a **lifestyle of surrender** to see God's work in their heart.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH Galatians 2:15-21

-When someone falls into sin, or they slip in their walk, what often happens first is they quit praying, studying the Word, and ultimately, they withdraw from the gathering. It is a "justified by works" mentality.

-“Justified by faith” is the most difficult thing for a believer to accept, because we often judge our own performance, our own **efforts**, or lack thereof. We **look to ourselves** rather than **looking to the cross**.

-In the middle of verse 16 we see the statement that we have “believed in Christ Jesus.” Literally in the Greek it means we have “believed **into** Christ Jesus.” This is an act of commitment to Christ, not just understanding what He has done, but running to Him for **refuge** and **mercy**.

-For the Christian, every act of service is an act of **surrender**, an act of **faith**. Rather than setting ourselves on display in what we do, we now set Christ on display. It is the same reason why the Gospel deters us from sin because our sins **malign the glory of Christ**.

-Christ didn't die on the cross for your sins in order that you would continue in them. The cross has always meant **not only to save you**, but to **produce something in you**.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ who lives in me**. 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.*

-The incredible position that the Gospel sets in view of the believer is this realization that **God's love conquers all**.

-**The Law** communicates to those keeping it to try harder. **The Gospel** calls us **in surrender** to draw closer.

-For the believer, it's not that we cannot sin, we can and we have, but we do not want to because it is **not who we are now**.

-Have you surrendered in such a way that **Christ reigns** in your **entire life**?

More than God is asking you to live the Christian life, you surrender so that **Christ lives in you**.