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January 7th	Intro Overview	Bible Study
January 14th	Revelation	Galatians 1:11-24
<b>January 21st</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Galatians 2:1-2:21</b>
January 28th	Adoption	Galatians 3:1-4:31
February 4th	Liberation	Galatians 5:1-15
February 11th	Sanctification	Galatians 5:16-23
February 25th	Mortification	Galatians 5:24-26
March 3rd	Reconciliation	Galatians 6:1-16
March 10th	Perseverance	Galatians 6:17-18
March 24th	Preservation	Galatians 1:1-10

## Galatians 2:16-21

... yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

## **Galatians 2:16-21**

**I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is 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. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.**

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## Justification

- δικαιοσύνη (dikaiosynē) - righteousness
- Law-court term – “to be declared righteous/pardoned/vindicated”
- The Doctrine:
  - a. We are all guilty of sin and deserving of punishment.
  - b. We try to justify ourselves, but we find that we can't.
  - c. Through faith, Jesus' perfect righteousness is credited to us.
  - d. What's true of Jesus (his crucifixion & resurrection) becomes true of us.
  - e. Therefore, we are declared righteous by the Judge and pardoned of sin's penalty.
- Salvation is not achieved through effort, it's received by grace.

"I think everybody should get rich and famous and everything they ever dream of so they can see that's not the answer."

**“Thank you, I am two-time Golden Globe winner Jim Carrey. You know, when I go to sleep at night, I’m not just a guy going to sleep. I’m two-time Golden Globe winner Jim Carrey going to get some well-needed shut-eye. And when I dream I don’t just dream any old dream. No sir. I dream about being three-time Golden Globe-winning actor Jim Carrey. Because then I would be enough. It would finally be true. And I could stop this terrible search for what I know ultimately won’t fulfill me.”**



One of the reasons why we over-identify with “here-and-now-lesser-identity-markers” is because we are all trying to *justify* our existence.

Justification =  
Personal (Pardon + Righteousness) x Corporate (Equality + Unity)

## Interpretive Key for Galatians

- Literary Type: theologically dense letter
- Author: Paul, formerly Saul or Tarsus
- Recipient: a network of churches planted by Paul in Galatia
- Problem: some very influential false-teachers from within Christianity have undermined Paul's gospel to the gentiles by adding Torah-allegiance on top of faith in Jesus (Jesus + Torah)
- Tone: fiery and frustrated
- Stakes: a potential split into two denominations
- Outline:
  - a. defends the (Jesus + nothing) gospel He preached, (ch.1-2)
  - b. explains how this gospel creates a multi-ethnic (Jew + gentile) family whose core identity is in Christ, (ch.3-4)
  - c. demonstrates how this gospel produces freedom from sin through the Spirit's leadership (not Torah) (ch.5-6).

## Galatians 2:11-13

But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

## Galatians 2:14-16

But when I saw that [Peter, Barnabas, and others] were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to [Peter] before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.”

## Galatians 3:26-29

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

- You have been justified through faith in Christ!
- We are all guilty of sin and deserving of punishment.
- We try to justify ourselves but find that we can't.
- Through faith, Jesus' perfect righteousness is credited to us.
- What's true of Jesus (his crucifixion & resurrection) becomes true of us.
- Salvation is received, not achieved.
- I don't have to prove I'm not bad. I've been pardoned.
- I don't have to prove I'm special. I've been declared righteous.
- I don't need to earn peer-affirmation. I've been given a family.
- And it's all grace, y'all!

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