

### Introduction:

- In our journey through Galatians, we've explored Paul's teachings on the gospel of grace, emphasizing that salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone, not by following religious rules or traditions.

### Key Points from the Sermons:

1. **The Gospel of Grace:**
  - Paul defends the gospel of grace, making it clear that salvation through faith is the only way to be made right with God. Adding anything to this message distorts the truth.
2. **Paul's Defense of His Apostleship:**
  - Paul shares his transformation story, emphasizing that his message came directly from Christ, underscoring its authority and authenticity.
3. **The Purpose of the Law:**
  - Paul explains that the law reveals our need for a Savior but cannot bring salvation. Only faith in Christ justifies us before God.

### Today's Focus: Galatians 2:11-21

- **Paul Confronts Peter:**
  - Paul rebukes Peter for pulling back from eating with Gentile believers due to pressure from those insisting on following Jewish customs. This act threatened the truth that faith in Jesus alone justifies us, not adherence to the law.
- **Living by Faith, Not by Law:**
  - Paul's confrontation underscores that our relationship with God is based on what Jesus has done, not our ability to follow rules. This is a declaration of freedom from legalism.

### The Life-Changing Freedom in Christ:

- **Freedom from Legalism:**
  - Paul teaches that when we put our faith in Jesus, our old self dies with Him, and a new life begins where Christ lives through us. It's not about trying harder but letting Christ guide and empower us.
- **Reflecting on Our Lives:**
  - We are encouraged to examine where legalism may have crept into our lives and to remember that our righteousness comes from Christ alone.

### A Story of Grace:

- A man exhausted from trying to please God by following all the rules finds freedom and peace when he finally understands that God's love is a gift, not something to be earned. This is the kind of freedom Paul speaks of—living fully in the grace of God.

### **Reflection and Prayer:**

- Reflect on areas where you may be trying to earn what has already been freely given through Christ. Ask God to help you live in the freedom of faith, free from legalism.

### **Closing Prayer:**

- “Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of grace that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. We confess that too often we fall into the trap of trying to earn your love. Forgive us for our legalism and help us to live in the freedom that Christ has won for us. May we be people who rest in your love and live out our faith with joy. May we be people who extend that same grace to others. Let our lives be a reflection of the truth that we are justified by faith alone. We ask this in your Son's holy name. Amen.”

### **Takeaway:**

- Let's take the Jesus who lives in us out into the world, sharing His love and grace freely with others.