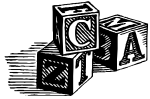


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "The Doctrine of Justification *by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone* (Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Solus Christus)," (Galatians 2:15-21).



Basic Ideas from Galatians 2:15-21.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know that all we have before the Father is solely on the merit of His Son's person and work.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Christ in His person and work above our own righteousness.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in Christ alone for our standing before the Father.



Basic Questions from Galatians 2:15-21.

Verse 15

1. What relationship does this paragraph have to what precedes it? Is this part of Paul's response to Peter or an expansion on the reason as to why Peter was wrong and how it applies to the error in Galatia?
2. What made the Gentile a sinner?
3. Did the Jew become a sinner in the absence of the Law?

Verse 16

4. Although Paul makes a distinction between the Jew and the Gentile, what is equally true for both according to verse 16?
5. Can the works of the Law justify?
6. What does this passage presuppose about his audience concerning justification and Law?
7. What is "justification"?
8. What is the "Law"?
9. What does Paul argue as the means of justification and the object that justifies?
10. What two principles are set in opposition to each other in verse 16?

Verse 17

11. According to verse 17 does personal justification produce sinless perfection in the justified?
12. Does my "post-justification" sinning negate my justified standing before God?
13. Is justification a license to sin?

Verse 18

14. If the Law cannot justify, can the Law sanctify? Note verse 18.

Verse 19

15. How did I die to the Law through the Law? What does the Law "do"?
16. What positive role does the Law have in my relationship to Christ? (v. 19)

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Verse 20

17. What does the cross of Jesus Christ do to the "Law"?
18. What does the cross of Jesus Christ do to my "sanctification"?
19. What might the idea of "Christ lives in me" suggest?
20. Who forms the believer's new identity?
21. What is "flesh" in verse 20? Is it our fallen Adam nature or is it simply the physical body we currently live in?

Verse 21

22. Notice the link Paul creates between the idea of initial justification and what follows after the fact in verse 21. Is it possible to undo in my sanctification what God did in my justification?
23. Does Paul support the idea of divine preservation? What might be a biblical way of expressing the ideas of justification, sanctification, and "eternal security"?
24. What is the BIG IDEA that Paul sought to establish?



The **Basic Application** from Galatians 2:15-21.

1. Are you resting in the finished work of Jesus Christ for your standing before the Father?
2. What confidence have you placed in self for the perfecting of your position before the Father? How can this be identified and then abandoned?
3. What does this passage cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?