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Part 3— The Confrontation

Galatians 2:11-21

1. Confrontation is always best “face to face”.

“But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong.” ~ Galatians 2:11 (NLT)

- Direct confrontation can be the most difficult but it is usually the best way.

2. Fear of criticism leads to hypocrisy.

“When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile Christians, 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 Christians followed

Peter’s hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.”

~ Galatians 2:12-13 (NLT)

- Don’t let your actions be based around fear.

3. Salvation is by “Faith Alone”.

“When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, “Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions? “You and I are Jews by birth, not ‘sinners’ like the Gentiles. Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.” ~ Galatians 2:14-16 (NLT)

- Acts 15:10; I Corinthians 6:17

4. Let’s not rebuild something that Jesus tore down.

“But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God.” ~ Galatians 2:17-19 (NLT)

5. Christ in me! That’s how we are to live! Jesus brings true freedom.

“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.” ~ Galatians 2:20-21 (NLT)

- Colossians 1:27; Colossians 2:6-12; I Corinthians 6:19-20