

No Other Gospel:
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Galatians 1:10-2:21
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Paul's story is that the Gospel he is preaching was straight from Jesus

Read and discuss Galatians 1:11-16 (NIV)

¹¹ I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

*How does this passage prove Paul's point about the Gospel?

*How has your background influenced the Gospel you believe?

The heart of the gospel is that when people trust in Jesus that what is true of him is true of them. His life becomes theirs.

Read and discuss Galatians 2:16-20 (NIV)

¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷ "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

*Discuss justification versus faith.

*What does it mean to die to the law?

*How do you see Christ living in you? How have you seen death give life in your experience?

I am loved just because He loves me, not because of what I do

Only when we believe the truth about ourselves can we love and live for God without legalism.

*Where do you need to sit in the truth that relationship with Him is not based on performance but on God's love?

*What would it look like for us to remind ourselves that we are loved? Is there a tangible or experiential way you could do this?