

**Galatians: Faith and Freedom  
Confronting Bad Table Manners  
Galatians 2:11–21 (page 811)**

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It's easy to believe the gospel, but live like we don't  
(Galatians 2:11-14)

We need to carefully consider our:

- motives (v 12)
- example before others (v 13)
- response to the gospel message (v 14)

**How** can we move from just believing the gospel to  
living consistent with it? (Galatians 2:15-21)

- We must *know* that *no one* is accepted by God based on performance (vs 15-16)  
√ *justified* = to be declared righteous or just  
(a legal term)
- We must *realize* that when we try to earn God's approval by our own efforts that we are sinning (vs 17-18)
- If we continue to seek God's approval by our own efforts, we do not understand what took place when we came to Christ by faith (vs 19-20)
- If we continue to seek our own righteousness, we refuse to accept God's grace (v 21)

**Thinking about it..**

Does the fear of what other people think about me affect how I respond to situations? Explain why or why not. \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some ways that you see Christians living by rules rather than living by faith today? Which category describes you?

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What would you tell a friend who asked "If salvation is a free gift, and it is based on what Christ has already done for me, why does it matter how I live?" \_\_\_\_\_

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How would our lives change if we really knew, deep, deep down that we were crucified with Christ? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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