

sermon notes

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October 2, 2024 | “Intolerant Grace” | **Galatians 2:11–16**

- 1) God’s grace is intolerant of _____
(2:11–12)

- 2) God’s grace is intolerant of _____
(2:13)

- 3) God’s grace is intolerant of _____
(2:14)

- 4) God’s grace is intolerant of _____
(2:15–16)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Galatians 2:10–16. Who is Cephas and why did Paul confront him? Why would Paul relay this incident to the people of Galatia? How is this issue significant to Paul’s argument in the book of Galatians?

How does this passage argue for justification by faith alone? What does it mean to be justified by faith? Who is the object of our faith? What role do works play in our salvation? What about our sanctification? What about in our relationship with God? See the following article at Crossway.org on this topic: <https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-things-you-should-know-about-justification-by-faith/>

GET PERSONAL

When is a confrontation necessary in the church body? Should confrontations be done only by spiritual leaders? If you do confront someone, how should you go about that?

Consider the four statements above. Why is God’s grace inconsistent with religiosity, hypocrisy, ethnocentricity, and self-sufficiency? Consider your own approach to Christianity and discipleship. Do you ever struggle with one or more of these four issues?

Give a definition of ethnocentricity. Do you offer a right hand of fellowship to all your brothers and sisters in Christ regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, or socio-economic status?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Have you ever confronted a brother or sister in Christ for their sinful action? Should we do that? If so, what’s the best approach in that situation (see Matt 18:15–20; Luke 17:3; Gal 6:1; 2 Thess 3:14–15; Titus 3:10; James 5:19–20)? How do we know when a situation is serious enough for a confrontation? How should you respond when confronted by someone for something you did?

ADVANCED QUESTION

In this passage, Paul admits that he publicly confronted a brother. Why would he do this instead of confronting him privately? Isn’t that what Jesus taught us to do in Matthew 18:15–20? Was Paul in the wrong for doing this?