



## Group Guide

# Walk Worthy

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## Main Passage: Galatians 2:15-21

### Theological Theme

Regardless of what you do, who you are, or the traditions you follow, the only way to be justified or declared righteous before God is through faith in Jesus Christ. Once people experiences salvation through faith, their lives should reflect that they live for God.

### Introduction

- ❓ When are you most prone to compare yourself to others?
- ❓ How can such comparisons be harmful or even dangerous in our Christian walk?

### 1. Justified by Jesus (Galatians 2:15-16)

This portion of Galatians 2 is connected to a confrontation between Paul and Peter about Peter's inconsistency with different groups of people. Both men were raised in the Jewish faith, which meant that they were very familiar with the law and had been taught that following the law was everything. But Jesus changed everything and broke down the wall that previously divided the Jews and Gentiles.

- ❓ Why might Jews have taken a posture of pride over the Gentile believers in the early church?
- ❓ Why is it crucial to understand that no one can earn salvation through keeping the law? Why is this something we naturally want to do?
- ❓ Application: Where does a sense of "earning" creep into your view of relationship with Jesus?

### 2. New Identity (Galatians 2:17-18)

Christ, not the rules of the law, had become the center of Paul's life. He lived with the constant realization that Christ loved him and proved that love by giving Himself for Paul on the cross. To behave in a way that denies God's grace is like saying Christ died for nothing. To attempt to add works of the law to Christ's sacrificial death

is to make a mockery of His crucifixion. When we live by faith, we realize Christ lives in us and our sinful natures are defeated. Our motivation for obedience comes when we pursue Christ for Himself and allow Him to work through us.

- ❓ What does this verse say about the ongoing struggle against the flesh in the life of a Christian?
- ❓ What are some ways we try to add to the finished work of Jesus, even if we don't realize it?
- ❓ Application: How can you focus on trusting the finished work of Jesus over your own works?

### 3. Walk Worthy (Galatians 2:19-21)

In these verses, Paul made a striking statement about following Jesus and still trying to live by the law. He said those who trust in Christ have died to the law and to rely on the law for salvation is equal to saying that Christ's death was unnecessary. It is difficult to imagine a more dangerous posture to take.

- ❓ How does following Jesus make us dead to the law? Does this mean we don't have to worry about living holy lives? What does it mean?
- ❓ What does it mean to have new life in Christ?
- ❓ Application: Where do you need to receive Jesus's love for you personally?

### Conclusion

- ❓ What does it look like for you to walk in a manner worthy of Christ each day?
- ❓ Where might you be trying to earn salvation instead of relying on the completed work of Christ in your place?
- ❓ How will living in a manner worthy of the gospel give us opportunities to share about Jesus with others?