

Galatians

Week 4 Homework

Reading

Read through all of Galatians once during the week, if possible. Make a list of questions you have as you read

Read Galatians 2:11-21 each day this week, writing down your observations. Look for repeated words, attributes of God, transition words, and note any confusing or unknown words.

Questions

1. Recall that Peter was considered “a pillar” in the Church (Gal. 2:9) and he had been entrusted with a very specific calling, (Gal. 2:7). What does Paul mean when he says that Peter “stood condemned”?
2. Read verses 11-14 in the NIV and CSB versions if you are able. As you read these verses, summarize what Peter is doing and why he does it:
3. In verse 13, how is Peter’s, (and others with him), behavior described?
4. Read Mark 7:14-23, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, and 2 John 1:10-11. Explain why Peter’s behavior is not only disobedient, but also dangerous to the Church:
5. Read verses 15 and 16. What does ‘justify’ mean? Consider Paul’s use of the word, “condemned” in verse 11 - the words are opposites, standing in stark contrast. What does it mean to be “justified by faith”? (See also Romans 3:22-24 and Phil. 3:8-9)

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6. Verses 17-19 can be difficult to understand. Try reading them several times in different Bible translations, if possible. How would you summarize what these verses seem to be saying in your own words? (Look up the following verses that may help you: Luke 20:38, Romans 6:11 and 14:7, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10, Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 4:2)
7. Galatians 2:20 is a favorite among many Christians because it sums up what our new life in Christ is all about. Jump forward in Galatians for a moment and look at Galatians 5:24 and 6:14, and even back to 1:4. As you consider these verses, close by writing a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for His indescribable gift!