

**Children's Sermon:** None today

*Pilgrim partners, every Word of God is pure, and all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God.*

**Today's Meditation: "THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM."**

**Galatians 2:11-21**

**11** When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. **12** Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. **13** The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

**14** When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? **15** "We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' **16** know that a man is not justified by observing 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 observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

**17** "If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! **18** If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am 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 live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21** I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

**Intro: What's your favorite slogan?**

Nike: "Be like Mike" or "Just do it"

Gatorade: "Obey your thirst" or another that stands out in my mind = "*Is (it) in you?*"

-implies = you can tell if it is...a need!

**Read text:** find good Galatians focus verse?

**Theme/Parts:** "Let the words..." (Ps 19:14)

**1. Because fear of man leads to hypocrisy,**

Remember when...

**Exodus 3:** Moses excuses not to go

**Numbers 13:** 10/12 spies to Jericho

**1 Samuel 17:** Israel against Goliath

-What slogan you use? "*Chicken?*"

-What slogan for Peter? **v11-13**

**V13** "hypocrisy" [sign] = I'm Christian.

**Matthew 26** = Peter denies Christ 3x!

**V12** "Peter... was afraid" – what others thought of him ... [part 1] "insincere"

**Application:** what do our "fears" of mankind lead to? Quick answer: ...sin.

Remember when...

*Like Moses, you made excuses to follow JC*

*Like 10 spies, you doubted God's presence*

*Like Israel, you feared bully rather than God*

[here's our sign: Is Christ in you (me)?]

**2. While fear of God leads to Christ.**

Remember *this* word? = zealous (Paul)

**V14** "I said to Peter...in front of them all"

-explanation of Peter's hypocrisy

**V15-16** focus = knowledge 'justification'

+know what it means! **V16** 'by faith' 3x!

-most churches teach heaven 'by works'

**V21** *What is 'grace?'* = undeserved love

-righteousness/holiness = not from law!

-Gatorade: "*Is it in you?*" Nope! Sinner. **V15**

+righteousness/holiness = from God! Life!

**V20** focus verse? [bulletin cover] [sign?]

Ask: "*Is HE in you?*" Show His love!

**Theme/Parts:** "*Christ lives in me!*" Amen.

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“hypocrisy”

“insincerity”