



# Paul's Letter to the Galatians

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## Day 5 Galatians 2:11-16

### ***Fear of Man, or Fear of God?***

*Read Galatians 1:9-10.* Who does Paul say we should seek the approval of?

*Read Matthew 10:28-33.* Who does Jesus say we should fear? Who is it that can destroy both of those things? What assurance do we have that He is concerned for us? What is one way that we publicly align ourselves with God?

*Read Mathew 18:5-6.* What warning is given here, especially for those in a position of authority over others?

*Read Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-6.* These qualifications describe who? What was the job/responsibility of an elder/overseer? The elders were to be examples of godly men; the goal was for *all* the men to learn from the example and teaching of the elders to see how to be godly men as well, so that *all* men might fit these qualifications.

*Read Romans 3:21-26.* How are we justified before God? This was done to highlight what characteristic of God?

*Read Romans 5:1-2.* What have we gained in our justification through faith, according to verse 1? What does that tell you our relationship with God is *outside* of faith?

*Read Matthew 7:21-23.* According to verse 21, who will enter the kingdom of heaven? What claim will many make to Jesus on the Day of Judgment, according to verse 21? What type of evidence are these people pointing to for their salvation? When does Jesus say He knew those people? Notice, this is an absolute statement; *at no time ever* did He know those people. What kind of works does He say they actually did?

The people Jesus is talking about here are those who rely on their own ability to save themselves. They will boast in their own works, claiming they were doing them for God. But, as we know from 1 Samuel, God knows the heart and the works they did were works of lawlessness, based on their own sinful hearts, not on God.

As you spend time today with God, ask Him to help you to see areas in your life where you have sacrificed His truth to please others or to justify your sin. Consider these verses and thank God that, even though you couldn't earn your salvation, He offered it freely for you. Ask Him to help you to understand that truth more fully every day and to share that truth with all those around you. And as you consider your heart, thank Him that your salvation isn't dependent on you as you realize that, on your own, you don't deserve His mercy. Ask Him to help that understanding to spill over in your interactions with others today and every day.