
Date: October 25, 2020**Scripture:** Galatians 2:9-16**Title:** Word & Deed, Part 2

Galatians 2:9-16 - James, Peter and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along. ¹¹ When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For 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 ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.

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1. In the two marriages illustration, if you could categorize your relationship with God as more like one marriage or the other, which is it? Do you feel more accepted, loved, and free, or more stressed and judged?
2. How would you expect each husband to react to difficult situations or people in the world?
3. How would you expect them to react to the poor?
4. What are your first feelings when you think of the poor? Does this reveal anything about whether you feel free and accepted by God or judged and condemned by Him?
5. What is one area of Bridges' community/mission involvement that you heard during the sermon and would like to begin participating in?
6. If you were to evaluate Silicon Valley in general and then more specially, Bridges Community Church, do you believe new people find it easy or difficult to make friends here? Why?
7. Do you believe people can easily become friends with you or do you believe they might find it more difficult? In the year before COVID (March 2019-March 2020), how many new friends (not just acquaintances or colleagues) did you make? What does your answer tell you about how easily people can become friends with you?