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## **A Vision of Crucifixion**

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**Galatians 2:11-21** <sup>11</sup>When Cephas came to Antioch, however, I opposed him to his face, because he stood to be condemned. <sup>12</sup>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, for fear of those in the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. <sup>14</sup>When I saw that they were not walking in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" <sup>15</sup>We who are Jews by birth and not Gentile 'sinners' <sup>16</sup>know that a man is not justified by works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. <sup>17</sup>But if, while we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves are found to be sinners, does that make Christ a minister of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>If I rebuild what I have already torn down, I prove myself to be a lawbreaker. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup>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 up for me. <sup>21</sup>I do not set aside the grace of God. For if righteousness comes through the law, Christ died for nothing. (BSB)

### **I. Here are the details of this passage.**

- A.** Paul is letting us know what happened between him and Peter after the **council** in Jerusalem. V.11
- B.** Peter had let the **self-righteous** Christians keep him from treating others with the respect that they deserved. V.12
- C.** His example caused others to join him in his **hypocrisy**. V. 13
- D.** Paul was led to confront him. V.14 This is a **description** of a confrontation but not a prescription. Matthew 18 is the prescription for this. V. 15
- E.** We are all **sinners** and only faith in Jesus Christ saves! V. 16-19
- F.** Paul gives his world view in a single verse. He lives his life as a living **sacrifice** to our Lord Jesus Christ. V. 20
- G.** We cannot save ourselves and we cannot keep our **salvation** by what we do or by what we don't do. V. 21

### **II. What can we learn from this?**

- A.** We must be **brave and loving** in our dealings with other believers.
- B.** We must live for an audience of **One**.
- C.** We must take others into account when we make **choices**.
- D.** We must live in **humility** before others. We are just sinners saved by grace.
- E.** A **mature** believer will surrender their rights if it helps to build up the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.
- F.** We must learn to **enjoy** our salvation and stop trying to get more saved!