



## river west church

Justification: Key Word of Gospel Truth

Galatians 2:15-21

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### **The “Epicenter” of Galatians**

Galatians 2:15-21 is the “epicenter” of the entire book of Galatians. That means it’s also at the very center of the truth of the Gospel. Everything thus far has been preparation for this declaration of Gospel truth. All that follows will be an expansion of what Paul sets forth in this paragraph. It’s crucial that we really understand what he is saying here. One of the best ways to do that is to notice the key words and phrases and then spend some time digging deep into their meaning. Here are the three key words/phrases we need to explore: justification, works of the law and faith in Christ.

But be on alert! Many Christians have heard these words over and over again. Some have heard them for years without ever truly grasping their meaning. Others have grasped the meaning, but have forgotten the incredible power of Gospel truth which they convey. Remember, the truth of the Gospel isn’t just for non-Christians, but it is for Christians as well. As Adam taught last week, growth in the Christian life comes by thinking more deeply about the Gospel and its implications, and then bringing our lives in line with those implications in how we think and what we do. Use the space provided below to write down what God is saying to YOU through the truth of the Gospel.

**Justification – What does it mean?**

**Works of the Law – What does it mean?**

**Faith in Christ – What does it mean?**