

NO OTHER GOSPEL

CENTRAL TRUTH

In this week's passage, we learn that the apostle Paul confronted another apostle, Peter, for his hypocrisy. As Paul shares this account with his readers and addresses the argument of his opponents, he reminds his readers of the gospel's importance. **We are saved through faith in Jesus alone.**

KEY QUESTION

↑ **What does verse 20 teach us about God's love for us and our new life in Christ?**

For believers, the old self is dead and Christ, in the person of the Holy Spirit, resides within us. Though we continue to live physically, we receive new life spiritually through faith in Christ. Jesus, the Son of God, loved us and demonstrated this love by giving Himself so that we can be reconciled to God. We are alive to God and dead to sin's dominating control.

KEEP IN MIND

- I In this week's passage, Paul offers some of the harshest language in the entire New Testament. This might catch students off guard, and they may have questions. Help them see that Paul's goal in this passage was to elevate the one true gospel and to emphasize the severity of intentionally communicating a message that was different from the one true gospel.
- I Peter fell into the trap of hypocrisy—living out of fear in a way that was inconsistent with the truth of the gospel. Students may feel the pull of this temptation to please their peers. Remind them of God's great love for them and the Spirit's presence in the lives of believers to give us the power to honor the Lord and live boldly.

APPLICATION

- I **Why must we remember that the Holy Spirit empowers us to live a Christian life?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: There is one true gospel, and through belief in this message, we are saved and brought into God's eternal family.

FOR THE LEADER: Encourage students to ask the Holy Spirit for boldness and power to live out the truth of the one true gospel.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?