

Keeping In Step with The Gospel

Galatians 2:11-14

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1. Paul is writing to the Galatian church because they are considering abandoning God and the heart of the Gospel message.
2. Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman empire. Here the Jews, although living among the Greeks, had special privilege to freely and follow their own customs without governmental interference. When the Gospel comes here it explodes in number and acceptance.
3. For a first century Jew it would have been scandalous and extremely controversial to hear that Peter, a Jew by birth, was eating with Gentiles.
4. The term party of the circumcision” is used in at least three ways:
 1. To describe Jewish-Christians in general
 2. To describe Jewish-Christians who are intense in continuing to follow the Law, insisting others do too
 3. To describe non-Christian Jews
5. Peter, although a mature pillar of the church, let fear shape his actions. He is believing something theologically but acting in an opposite way.
6. The fact that Paul uses the word hypocrisy implies that Peter’s convictions have not changed, rather he is giving a public impression that communicates he believes something different. It is a misrepresentation.
7. In this passage we learn that no one is above the truth of the Gospel and that if someone like Peter can fall out of step with the Gospel, so can we.
8. The two potholes that tend to pull us out of alignment with the Gospel are legalism and fear of man.
9. The only way to get over the fear of man is with the fear of God. The only way to get through legalism and all the pride and arrogance that comes with it, is to turn our hearts to the Gospel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you had to describe the Gospel to a friend, how would you explain it to them? What are important elements you need to be able to communicate?

2. Pastor Kyle mentioned two potholes that pull us out of alignment with the truth of the Gospel, legalism and fear of man. Which one do you think is more of a struggle for you? Why?

Legalism says you need to do something to really be a part of the family.

Fear of man is even though we believe the Gospel, there's fear of people that is steering our actions not the truth of the Gospel.

3. Do you see your life being controlled by the truth of the Gospel or by the influence of the people around you?

4. Why do you think all the Jews (except Paul) joined Peter in his hypocrisy? Have you ever been tempted to join someone in hypocrisy where your actions didn't align with your convictions?

5. How does the Gospel help us battle against legalism and fear of man?

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Phobéō [to fear, reverence] - a state of severe distress, aroused by intense concern for impending pain, danger, evil, etc., or possibly by the illusion of such circumstances.

Hypókrisis [hypocrisy] - to create a public impression that is at odds with one's real purposes or motivations, play-acting, pretense, outward show, dissembling.

QUOTES

"In Judaism table-fellowship means fellowship before God, for the eating of a piece of broken bread by everyone who shares in the meal brings out the fact that they all have a share in the blessing which the master of the house has spoken over the unbroken bread." - **Joachim Jeremias**

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