

Paul And Peter

**Galatians 2:11-14**

Intro:

- A. Paul claims full equality with all apostles.
    - 1. **II Cor. 11:4-6**
    - 2. **II Cor. 12:10-11**
  
  - B. He received nothing from Jerusalem.
    - 1. He did confer with Peter.
    - 2. He did return and talk to the other apostles.
    - 3. He took Titus and they did not compel him to be circumcised.
    - 4. Paul's message and Peter's message were both energized by the same Spirit.
    - 5. They gave he and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship.
  
  - C. **Vs. 11** He rebuked the "leading" apostle.
    - 1. They were equals.
    - 2. Peter did not rebuke him.
- I. The Occasion Of Paul's Rebuke. Vs. 11
- A. **"But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face..."**
    - 1. "Withstood" = ανιστημι = "to stand against".
    - 2. "Face" = προσωπον = "visage", "countenance".
  
  - B. **"...because he was to be blamed."**
    - 1. "Blamed" = καταγινωσκω = "to remark", "to discover", "to judge something of a person", "lay something to his charge".
    - 2. "I opposed him because he stood self-condemned."
- II. The Proof Of Peter's Self-Condemnation.
- A. **Vs. 12 "For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself..."**
    - 1. "Before certain persons came from James, he had been in the habit of eating with the Gentile converts." TCNT
    - 2. "Withdrew" = υποστειλλω = "to draw one's self back, that is, out of sight, privately by stealth".
    - 3. "Separated" = αφοριζω = "to set off bounds", "to limit off".

- B. "...fearing them which were of the circumcision".
1. "Fearing" = φοβεομαι = "be afraid".
  2. "...out of sheer fear of what the Jews might think". Phi

### III. Compromise Spreads Error. Vs. 13

- A. **"And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him..."**
1. "Dissembled" = συνυποκρινομαι = "to play the hypocrite with anyone", The real etymology of the word is to "answer from under". Actors spoke from under their masks. Their real feelings, views, and opinions were not seen.
  2. "The rest of the Jews were no less false to their principles..."
- B. **"...insomuch that Barnabas was also carried away with their dissimulation."**
1. "Carried away" = συναπαγω = "to lead off", "to lead away together". He was swept up in the act.
  2. Fear spreads like fire. When Peter began to extract himself from fellowship with the Gentiles, Barnabas felt the fear and followed Peter.
  3. Article from Baptist Monitor.

#### IT'S DECISION TIME

"I think the first and second, yea a third and fourth, admonition has gone out. While we are patient with hopes of salvaging one church, we stand to lose a dozen others. Out younger generation of preachers are waiting on the older generation to see what we will do. They will determine the seriousness of the error of the universal church heresy by our reaction and response. Brethren, something has to be done!"

"These churches, as most Baptist churches in Romania, are affiliated with the Romania Baptist Union. They are doctrinally conservative. Some are more traditional than others in such matters as married women praying with their heads covered." (David Price, Columbus, Ohio)

Results justify heterodoxy. Acts 21:17-20

### IV. Paul Rebukes Peter. Vs. 14

- A. **"But when I saw that they walked not uprightly..."**
1. "Walked not uprightly" = ορθοποδεω = "to foot it straight", "to walk in a straight course".
  2. They were not following the true path.
- B. **"...according to the truth of the gospel."**

1. "Truth" = αληθεια = "the essence of a matter".
  2. The truth of the gospel was that circumcision had no relationship to salvation and they were not walking "straight" to this truth.
- C. **"...I said unto Peter before them all,"**
1. Was Paul causing trouble?
  2. Why did he not speak privately? He had!
  3. Was Paul "judging"? Yes!
  4. Was Paul embarrassing Peter?
- D. The big question.
1. "Compellest" = αναγκάζω = "to constrain".
  2. "But, when I saw that they were not dealing straightforwardly with the truth of good message, I said to Peter, before them all, If you, who were born a Jew, adopt Gentile customs, instead of Jewish why are you trying to compel the Gentile converts to adopt Jewish customs." TCNT

