



NO DILUTED GOSPEL

GALATIANS 2:11-21

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Change is hard

Not fully embracing something can dilute its effectiveness

Galatians 2:11-14

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Peter visits Antioch

- Sees a group of Gentiles and Jews eating and living together

Peter's vision - Acts 10

“What God has made clean, don't call uncommon”

“God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.”

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Peter's vision - Acts 10

“Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.”

Peter visits Antioch

- Sees a group of Gentiles and Jews eating and living together
- Peter joins in
- Legalistic Jews arrive
- Peter withdraws
- Others followed, including Barnabas

A lot to sort out

Circumcision and
the Gentiles



Food restrictions for
the Jews

How you are saved



How you live once you
are saved

Freedom of the
Gentiles



Freedom of the Jews

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Bring some of the old with you

Comfort in what you know

*“not acting consistently with the truth
of the gospel”*

Galatians 2:14

Galatians 2:15-21

yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Justification

NOT

Works of the law

by works of the law

by works of the law

YES

Faith

Believe in Christ...faith

...If following the law got me saved then “*Christ died for no purpose*”

Verse 21

because we all come to Christ the same way
everyone is accepted equally

Where are you at?

What are you adding?

What are you hanging on to?

Where are you at?

Legalistic Jew - forcing others do something a certain way

Barnabas - follower, easily led away

Peter - giving in to pressure, not sticking to the truth

Paul - standing up for what is right

When we don't fully commit to something
we can dilute its effectiveness

Are you acting consistently with the truth
of the gospel?