

GALATIANS
Living With Christ
Galatians 2:11-21
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Paul is going to challenge Peter to his face.
As a follower of Jesus how should we live?

PETER'S VISION

15 And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." 16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.

Acts 10:9-15 ESV

It appears that Jewish Christians may have continued observing the Jewish dietary laws.

PETER IS OPPOSED BY PAUL

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 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 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 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?"

Galatians 2:11-14 ESV

NEW ISSUE

It is about food instead of circumcision.

Peter knew the truth but gave into the pressure of the legalizers.

Peter must practice living the gospel.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified[b] 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. 17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

Galatians 2:15-19 ESV

To be justified means to be made right with the law.
Not by observing the law but through our faith in Christ.

What is greater than the law? A relationship with Jesus through faith.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23 ESV

We have believed 'into' Christ. It is an act of personal commitment.

Liberty does not entice us to sin. Our sin nature does that.

We die to the law so we might live to God.

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.

Galatians 2:20 ESV

Together with Jesus we live life.