

## Paul Rebukes Peter's Hypocrisy

Galatians 2:11 - 14

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## Paul Confronted Peter

### **Galatians 2:11** (NASB)

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

- This is in Syrian Antioch and likely happened before the Jerusalem council of Acts 15
- This is recounted as further proof that Paul's gospel was not derived from the Jerusalem church
- "Stood condemned" means "before God"

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## Peter Succumbs to the Fear of Man

### **Galatians 2:12** (NASB)

For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision.

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## Hypocrisy Over Table Fellowship

### **Galatians 2:13** (NASB)

The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

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## The Gospel Is Compromised

### **Galatians 2:14** (NASB)

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, 'If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?'

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## Implications and Applications

- No one is above the gospel itself
- We must welcome into table fellowship all who are the Lord's
- The fear of man easily causes us to sin and compromise

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No One Is Above the Gospel Itself

**Galatians 1:8 (NASB)**

But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

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No One Is Above the Gospel Itself

**1Timothy 5:19, 20 (NASB)**

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also may be fearful of sinning.

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We Must Welcome Into Table Fellowship  
All Who Are the Lord's

**1Corinthians 11:20, 22b (NASB)**

Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, . . . Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.

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The Fear of Man Easily Causes Us to Sin and Compromise

**John 12:42, 43** (NASB)

Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

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**Matthew 10:28** (NASB)

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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The Fear of Man Easily Causes Us to Sin and Compromise

**Proverbs 29:25** (NASB)

The fear of man brings a snare,  
But he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.

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