

# *Galatians, Free in Grace*

(5) Grace Defended before Peter publicly

## *Peter visits the (Gentile) church at Antioch...2:11-13*

What is significant about the fact that Peter “came to Antioch..”? 2:11a; Acts 10:34-35;15:11

**In his heart he knew that saved Jews and Gentiles are equal and one before the Lord.**

How had Peter demonstrated (initially) this ‘oneness’? 2:12:a see Gal.3:26-28

**Before some ‘law keepers’ arrived, Peter ate with and fellowshiped with the Gentiles.**

Then what happened? vs.12b

**Peter withdrew from Gentiles. He feared the scorn of the ‘law keepers’! Us and them...**

At the very core of this action, what’s the heart motive?

**The Jews thought they were superior because a) they’re Jews b) they “keep the law”.**

Since Peter has such respect among the Jews, what happens? vs.13

**The whole church was split into Jew and Gentile. Even Barnabas, who really knew better.**

What are some applications of all of this for us today?

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## *Paul challenges Peter’s actions before the whole church...2:14-21*

What is Paul’s reaction to what Peter/Jews are doing? 2:14; 1Tim.5:17-21

**He confronts Peter (leader) publicly. Rebukes his sin. Not disrespectful, but firm/bold.**

What’s Paul’s first argument against Peter’s actions? 2:14b see Acts 10:28

**Peter had been acting like a Gentile, not a Jew. Now his action said ‘Gentiles, be like us!’**

How did the Jews feel about Gentiles? vs.15 But how did the saved Jews get saved? vs.16a

**Jews/ righteous, Gentiles/ sinners! But salvation is by faith in Christ, not law keeping.**

What is the overwhelming truth repeated in vs.16b regards law-keeping?

**NO ONE will be (or has ever been) justified by observing (living by) the Law.**

What does justified (righteous, just, etc) mean? see Rom.8:1

**Gr.(dikaioo)=judicial term, declared (by the Judge, God), not guilty. Just before Him.**

What is Paul’s devastating charge in verse 17? Why? Mk.7:14-22; Acts 10; Jn.17:21-23

**Christ taught the true Gospel, faith not Law. If Judaizers are right, Christ lied! NEVER!!**

If anyone, even Paul, rebuilds what he had destroyed (rebuild law...) what was proved? vs.18

**The person who rebuilds (adds) the Law proves (demonstrates) that he is the lawbreaker!**

How did Paul see his relationship now (that is, after salvation) with the Law? vs.19

**Through the Law he had died to that Law so that he could live for God. Law only kills.**

Paul was saved by faith. How does he live? (does he live by law-keeping?) vs.20

**I’m dead but Christ lives in me. I now live by faith in Christ (not law), who died for me!**

What should every ‘law-keeping Christian’ understand? vs.21

**Law keeping ‘nullifies’ the Grace of God. If law keeping worked, Christ died for nothing!**

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