

COME ON PETE!
GALATIANS 2:12-21

I. CRUCIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN PETER & PAUL

1. Peter's Problem

[11-13]

1) Great food & fellowship in Antioch church

[Acts 11:19-22, 25-27]

2) **The long arm of the Law!**

1. Powerful personalities - not apostles

[Acts 6:7, 11:1-3, 15:1, 24]

2. Peter → Barnabas & other Jews caved to **fear/intimidation...**

Mar 14:71 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

3. This Jewish "zeal" was real

[Acts 21:20-22]

*Lev 20:26 And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have **separated you from the peoples**, that you should be Mine.*

3) **The truth of the gospel is at stake**

[14, 1:4]

MESSAGE: 14 "If you, a Jew, live like a non-Jew when you're not being observed by the watchdogs from Jerusalem, what right do you have **to require non-Jews to conform to Jewish customs** just to make a favorable impression on your old Jerusalem cronies?"

⇒ Fear of "some" attacks Faith in the Son

- Do you live in fear of someone's rules to be "good w/ God??"

2. **Only Faith Works!**

[15-16]

1) We BOTH know **justification is by faith** not works!

[Acts 10:28, 43-45]

1. For BOTH Jew & Gentile

STOTT: He **still believed** the gospel, but he failed to **practice it**.

3. **Law Doesn't Work**

[17-18]

1) Law-men Objection: taking the Law away makes us like those sinners!

DEFFINBAUGH: To the Judaizers, a gospel which **repealed the law** was responsible for promoting sin, since they believed that the **law was able** to overcome sin's power.

2) Going back to the law only puts a spotlight on your sin!

4. It's All Jesus

[19-20]

- 1) The law showed me the law couldn't help me

MESSAGE: 19 So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man.

2) Crucified w/ Christ:

1. He took my sin punishment on His cross
2. My "drive to justify" is dead

3) Jesus lives in me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

1. He will/wants to produce righteousness

⇒ What is your view: "for Him" or "**IN me**"

LUTHER: Christ is no **law giver**. He is the **Life-giver**.

4) I live by a **commitment of trust** in the ONE who **loved me**

LUTHER: **Faith connects you** so intimately with Christ, that He and you become as it were **one person**. As such you may boldly say: 'I am now one with Christ. Therefore **Christ's righteousness, victory, and life are mine.**'

⇒ Jesus ALREADY loved you - you don't have to be "all ready" to be loved

SPURGEON: Take these blessed words of the apostle, and put them in your mouth, and let them lie there as wafers made with honey, till they **melt into your very soul**:
'Who loved me, and gave himself for me.

5) I will not turn away from this powerful **GRACE!!!**

[21]

1. Law vs CROSS
 - "Jesus+" subtracts Jesus!
 - Law: **points to**, not plus Jesus

⇒ Jesus is not an "add-on" - He's THE END ALL!!!

BARCLAY: When Paul took God at his word, the **midnight of law's frustration** became the **sunshine of grace**.

What do we know about the church in Antioch?
Why did Peter stop eating with the Gentiles in the church?
Why would Jews from Jerusalem be so intimidating?
What did Paul believe was at stake here?
What does it mean to be justified by faith?
Did Peter already know this was true for Gentiles?
Why doesn't the OT law work to be right with God?
What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?
Does Jesus really live IN a Christian? How?
Why is this so important?
How are we to live this life as Christians?
Have you ever "turned" from God's grace in any way?