





"...and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians."

ACTS 11:26

**"I opposed him to his face,
because he stood condemned..."**

**“I opposed him to his face,
because he stood condemned...
he drew back, fearing the circumcision party...**

**“I opposed him to his face,
because he stood condemned...
he drew back, fearing the circumcision party...
even Barnabas was led astray...**

**“I opposed him to his face,
because he stood condemned...
he drew back, fearing the circumcision party...
even Barnabas was led astray...
their conduct was not in step with the truth
of the gospel.”**

GALATIANS 2:11-14

**For the follower of Jesus your faith
is only as big or as small as your love.**

BOB ROBERTS JR.

Is Paul's conflict with Peter about Race or Righteousness?

Is Paul's conflict with Peter about Race or Righteousness?

YES!

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

JOHN 8:31-33

So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen.

ACTS 13:16

“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.

ACTS 13:26

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

GALATIANS 3:7

...though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee...

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-5

**At Babel humanity flips the Lord's Prayer
on it's head,
Hallowed be our name,
Our kingdom come,
Our will be done,
Make earth to be our heaven.**

Garrett Keil

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

GENESIS 12:1-3

**May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

PSALM 67:1-2

**he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of
the earth.”**

ISAIAH 49:6

The Gospel of Jesus brings both vertical and horizontal reconciliation. Vertically it reconciles us to God, and horizontally it reconciles us to our neighbors. We become ministers of reconciliation in Christ.

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 2:14

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality..."

ACTS 10:34

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

ACTS 10:43

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 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.

GALATIANS 2:15-16

**Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

PSALM 143:2

**And he believed the Lord, and he counted
it to him as righteousness.**

GENESIS 15:6

**Grace is the mother and nurse of holiness,
not the apologist of sin.**

SPURGEON

**For if I rebuild what I tore down,
I prove myself to be a transgressor.**

GALATIANS 2:18

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace...

EPHESIANS 2:14-15





The heart of the problem is that Peter was being motivated by the fear of men, rather than love for his brother and neighbor.



**The division is not only about race,
it is also about righteousness.**

...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.

GALATIANS 2:16

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

GALATIANS 2:19

**For by works of the law no human being
will be justified in his sight, since through
the law comes knowledge of sin.**

ROMANS 3:20

**...for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God...**

ROMANS 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:6-8

Those justified in Christ abandon their former grounds of hope

Which For the Jews consisted of 2 things

- 1) Ethnic national pride in who they were**
- 2) Their adherence to the law**

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

Paul's IDENTITY as one of the chosen people of God was no longer oriented around his race, but around the Messiah, and being part of his new multi-ethnic community united in Christ.

Paul's RIGHTEOUSNESS was no longer oriented around law works, through which He could earn God's favor, but by faith in, and through the faithfulness of Jesus, the Messiah.

In the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ we find hope for peace with God and people.