

“The Supremacy of the Gospel Does Not Regard Human Position”

Galatians 2:11-14 6/28/20

Galatians Series- Living the Gospel in the Power of the Spirit

Big Idea- The gospel of grace and freedom was given to Paul directly by Jesus. Consistent with Paul’s admonition in Galatians 1:7-9, any departure from the gospel of grace is to be severely rebuked and rejected. Whether an angel from heaven or one of the other apostles. In this case, it was Peter who needed to be rebuked. He didn’t change his theology of the gospel, but did not live up to his own theology and caused havoc in the church.

Background Texts- Acts 10:1-48; Mark 7:19; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; Rom 14:1-10

There have been various changes to dietary laws in Biblical history:

Vegetarian only- Genesis 1:29

Allowed to eat ANY meat, but no blood- Genesis 9:3-4 (after the flood)

Restrictions for Israelites on which animals to eat- Leviticus 11; Deut 14

All restrictions lifted for all peoples (Jew and Gentile)- Acts 10; 1 Tim 4:1-5

LESSON 1- The purity of the gospel requires living IT OUT

- A. Living out the gospel means that we shouldn’t COMPROMISE (Galatians 2:11-13; 2:3- Titus; 1 Cor 9:19-23; Acts 16:3- Timothy)

Going *God wants us to not fear anyone when it comes to Gospel truth!*
Deeper

LESSON 2- The purity of the gospel required CONFRONTATION

- A. The confrontation of Peter showed gospel respects NO ONE (Gal 2:6-10; no personal favoritism- Acts 10:34)

Going *God wants us to remember that no one is above gospel truth!*
Deeper *(not even an angel from heaven- Gal 1:7-9)*

Theological Application:

- 1) All believers still have the capability to sin greatly. Including pillars of the early church. Our sins can affect others negatively.
- 2) The sin of departing from the Biblical gospel is worthy of serious rebuke.
- 3) We are under the **LAW OF CHRIST** (1 Cor 9:21; Gal 6:2)
- 4) We have freedom to follow some of the laws of the OT if we so desire, as long as we do not judge or look down on others for not doing it (Rom 14:1-10).
- 5) We should not fear, nor follow those who promote bondage to the Mosaic law.
- 6) There are no second-class citizens in the church- law keeping, “tongues”, etc.

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples

1 Timothy 4:1 ¶ Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ² through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, ³ who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

^{ESV} **Mark 7:19** since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?"
(Thus he declared all foods clean.) (Mk. 7:19 ESV)