



THE
ANTIOCH INCIDENT
GALATIANS 2:11-21

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The Context in Which Paul Refers to the Incident

The Focus of Galatians

- Influence of error – *1:6-9; 5:7-10*
- Justification offered to all by faith – *3:5-9*

Previous Incident (*2:1-10*) (*cf. Acts 15*)



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What did Peter do?

- He was guilty (v. 11)
- He changed his usual habits, thus was hypocritical (vv. 12-13)
- He was not straightforward about the truth of the gospel (v. 14)



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What did it mean?

- His actions sent a message that part of right standing with God required being Jewish, thus, holding to those things which brought that distinction. (vv. 14-17) (cf. *Romans 3:28-29*)
- “*in the manner of Gentiles*” – *ethnikōs* – “in the manner of the nations...live (w. focus on distinctive dietary practice) like the rest of the world and not like a Judean” (BDAG) (cf. *Acts 10:10-15*)
- “*live as Jews*” – *ioudaizo* – “live as one bound by Mosaic ordinances or traditions, live in Judean or Jewish fashion” (BDAG)



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What was Paul's correction?

- Paul pointed out that he and Peter both knew being a Jew was not a part of justification (vv. 15-16) (*cf. Philippians 3:4-7*)
- “*Jews by nature*” – *physei* (“a mode of feeling and acting which by long habit has become nature,” THAYER; according to custom) *ioudaioi* (adj, Jewish)
- “*sinner of the Gentiles*” – i.e. sin that is particularly in contrast to being “*Jews by nature.*”



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- Such actions would imply Christ is a minister of sin, but really, you bind requirements which Christ does not (vv. 17-21)
- (v. 19) – justification not under law's dominion (*cf. Romans 7:4*)
- (v. 20) – identity in Christ, not being Jewish. (5:18; 6:2)
- (v. 21) – binding these takes us away from Christ. (5:3-4)



Applications

Courage to Confront a Comrade (v. 11) (*Jude 22-23; Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:19-20*)

Contemplating Consequences (vv. 14-15, 17) (*Matthew 18:6-9*)

Understanding Unity (1:6-9; 5:18, 25; 6:1-2, 15-16) (*1 Corinthians 1:10; Jude 3*)



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