

# GALATIANS 2:11-21

In this passage Paul turns his attention to Christian identity and challenges Peter's behavior which is leading people away from the gospel of grace and causing deep divisions in the church. Peter's fear of rejection is causing him to place unhealthy demands on other people.

**Matthew 15:1-3, Acts 15:8-11, 1 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 4:5, Jeremiah 31:33-34**

When tradition becomes doctrine we miss the heart of God  
Peter's freedom was threatened by Peter's fear  
Fear focuses on what might be lost – faith focuses on what  
God has already done .

Peter's behavior challenges five core doctrines of our faith:

Doctrine #1 – The unity of the church

Doctrine #2 – Justification by faith

- Justify – to acquit or declare righteous
- When God “justifies” us, he charges our sin to Jesus and credits Jesus’ righteousness to us. (1 Corinthians 5:21)
- When you are justified it is “just as if you had never sinned”.

Doctrine #3 – Freedom from the Law

Doctrine #4 – The Gospel itself

Doctrine #5 – The grace of God

- Legalism says “do” – Grace says “done”

## **Galatians 2 Heart Check:**

- Have I been saved by grace?
- Am I at peace and at rest with who I am in Christ?
- Do I extend to others the opportunity to respond to God's grace?
- Is there anyone who doesn't have a place at my table?