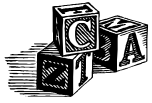


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Dealing with Peter's Hypocrisy," (Galatians 2:11-14).



Basic Ideas from Galatians 2:11-14.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. Holy Spirit desires for us to know the gospel of grace is worthy of confrontation.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to address issues that would undermine the integrity of the gospel of grace.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of humbly living under the authority of the gospel of grace.



Basic Questions from Galatians 2:11-14.

1. When did Paul confront Peter?
2. How did Paul confront Peter?
3. Why did Paul confront Peter?
4. What was Peter's sin?
5. Why did Peter sin in the manner he did?
6. Was Peter's sin an isolated event?
7. Did Peter's sin impact others?
8. Who is specifically named as joining Peter and why is this individual significant?
9. What does Paul call Peter's sin?
10. What was Peter's sin actually affecting?
11. What did Paul mean by what he said to Peter?
12. What would move you to confront another Christian?
13. In your experience, what has most confrontation been over?
14. Do you think Paul had been dealing with Peter over this issue before?



The **Basic Application** from Galatians 2:11-14.

1. "Rebuke, at times, can be healthy and refreshing. It can help clear the air of misunderstanding and confusion. Solomon wrote that 'open rebuke is better than secret love' (Prov. 27:5)." (Gromacki, *Galatians*, 67).
2. Deal with issues immediately and privately.
3. Don't worry about personality and preference. Deal with the violation of grace and truth.
4. Guard yourself in your speech lest you fall into the sin of hypocrisy (James 5:12). How often have we, through unguarded speech, fallen into the sin of hypocrisy, of lying? We say something we wish we hadn't. When that happens make amends immediately.
5. Peter encourages us to lay aside this sin (1 Peter 2:1). Isn't it amazing how Peter, though swept into the clutches of hypocrisy, was able to pen such powerful words? Isn't the grace of God simply astounding?

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Therefore, **putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy** and envy and all slander, 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

6. Perhaps you have failed to practice Ephesians 4:32?

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Perhaps today God is calling you to forgive someone with whom you have been carrying an unnecessary grudge or toward whom you have been bitter. God calls you to forgive. Maybe there is a violation of truth that you need to confront, but wish to avoid. Maybe someone has confronted you with a perceived problem and you have responded in the wrong way, let it go. Life is too short to hold grudges or to be bitter or unloving.

7. It is not enough to believe the gospel, we must apply it. This Peter failed to do. "A famous name can never justify an infamous action." (Barclay, *Galatians*, 19).
8. "A church ceases to be Christian if it contains class distinctions. In the presence of God a man is neither Jew nor Gentile, noble nor base, rich nor poor; he is a sinner for whom Christ died. If men share in a common sonship they must be brothers." (Barclay, *Galatians*, 19). Let grace reign.
9. What does this passage cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?