

"PAUL'S CONTROVERSY WITH PETER"

GALATIANS 2:11-14

I. THE OCCASION IN WHICH THE CONTROVERSY OCCURRED: PETER'S VISIT TO ANTIOCH OF SYRIA (GALATIANS 2:11; ACTS 12:25-13:2)

- A. Antioch Of Syria Was The Third Largest City In The Roman Empire
- B. Antioch Of Syria Had Been The Site Of A Massive Persecution Against The Jews By Caligula Ten Years Prior To This Incident
- C. Antioch Of Syria Became The Target Area For Evangelism By Some Early Jewish Believers After The Martyrdom Of Stephen (Acts 11:19-21)
- D. Antioch Of Syria Welcomed The Presence Of Barnabas And Paul For A Year Before They Made The Famine Relief Trip To Jerusalem
- E. Antioch Of Syria Continued To Be The Place Of Ministry For Paul For A Short Time After His Famine Relief Jerusalem Visit. It Was During This Time That Peter Had Come To Visit (Acts 12:25-13:2)

II. THE NATURE OF THE CONTROVERSY (2:12-14)

- A. What It Was Not
 - 1. It Did Not Have To Do Primarily With The Content Of The Gospel
 - 2. It Did Not Have To Do Secondarily With The Necessary Response To The Gospel
- B. What It Was: It Had To Do With The Issue Of Proper vs. Improper Fellowship
 - 1. Genuine Fellowship Is Spiritual Communion Between True Believers Who Are All Regenerate

2. Peter Was Guilty Of Failing To Practice Biblical Separation

III. THE REASON BEHIND PETER'S COMPROMISE (2:12-13)

- A. Fear Of The Reaction Of The Jews (2:12)
- B. A Chain Reaction Of Hypocrisy (2:13)

**IV. THE RESPONSE OF PAUL TO PETER'S COMPROMISE:
CONFRONTATION (2:14)**

- A. The Gospel Is Potentially Compromised When We Refuse To Fellowship With The Right People
- B. The Gospel Is Potentially Compromised When We Do Attempt Fellowship With The Wrong People