

The Epistle to The Galatians¹

Christ Replacing the Law 2:11-21

1. Peter's Actions Deny That Christ Replaces of the Law

Gal.2:11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to *his* face because he stood condemned. 12 For before some came from James, he continually ate with the Gentiles...

a. **His Actions Are a Sliding Back to the Jewish Antipathy Toward Gentiles**

12...but when they came, he began to shrink back and separate himself, fearing those of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews also joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was carried away in their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they were not walking in a straightforward way in relation to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before *them* all,...

b. **Living Like the Gentiles Meant Peter Was Not Under The Law So he shouldn't Compel the Gentiles to Become Jews**

14 ...If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?

2. Jewish Believers Know The Law Does Not Justify

a. **Unlike Gentile Sinners Jews Have the Law**

15 We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles

b. **Despite Their Status in the Law They Turned to Christ**

16 ... **we also** (Paul, Peter, Barnabas and the rest of the Jews) have believed into Christ Jesus...

c. **Because They Knew Justification is Only Through Him**

16 ...*justified*...through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ...

d. **Works Can Not Justify**

16 ...*knowing that a man is not justified out of works of law*...not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law no flesh will be justified.

3. Shrinking Back to the Law

a. **Makes Believing Jews Sinners**

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17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also have been found sinners, is then Christ a minister of sin? Absolutely not!

b. Is An Admission That Believing Jews Were Wrong

18 For if I build again the things which I have destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

4. As Justified In Christ They Are Dead to the Law

a. Meeting the Righteous Requirements of the Law

19 For I through law have died to law that I might live to God.

b. We Have Died In Christ

20 I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

5. If Justification is by the Law Christ Died in Vain

21 I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness is through law, then Christ has died for nothing.