

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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Galatians 2:11-21

1. What was Paul talking about in the previous studies?
 - a. He was defending the Gospel that he preached against those who would have the Gentile Christians return to the law and, specifically, circumcision.
 - b. How he received the Gospel which he had been preaching from God and not from man.
 - c. The history of his ministry, which showed that he received the Gospel from God.

2. Who was Cephas? _____

3. Why does Paul oppose Cephas to his face, according to verses 11-13?
 - a. Apparently, he stood condemned.
 - b. He used to eat with the Gentiles.
 - c. When certain people came around, he stopped eating with brothers and sisters in Christ who might make him look bad.
 - d. He seemed to care more about what people thought of him than God.
 - e. He seemed to conform to his previous patterns (Jewish law) when people came who might be critical of His freedom in Christ.

4. Why was this such a big deal?
 - a. God had revealed to Peter that he should not call anything unclean that God has made clean and then showed Peter that the Gentiles were to be included because they had received the Holy Spirit just as the Jewish Christians had previously (Acts 10:44-48).
 - b. Paul called it hypocrisy because Peter lived like a Gentile and not like a Jew, even though he was a Jew. Therefore, any suggestion that Gentiles should conform to Jewish practices would be hypocritical.
 - c. In Christ there is no difference among us (Galatians 3:28).
 - d. We are called not to show favoritism (James 2:8-9).

5. Why does Paul tell the Galatians about this incident?
 - a. Because he likes to talk about people behind their back.
 - b. Because they are doing the very same thing as Peter if they listen to these Judaizers and begin requiring circumcision.
 - c. They are allowing people to carry them back into legalism when this was not how they were saved.
 - d. This is further proof that, though he does respect Peter's leadership within the church, his call is from God and not dependent on the approval of man.

6. What does Paul say in verse 20? _____

7. What about you? _____
