

**TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY
GALATIANS 2:11-21**

CHAPTER 2:11-21

**THE FIRST HALF OF CHAPTER 2 IS A HISTORICAL DEFENSE
THAT PAUL PRESENTS TO THE CHURCHS IN GALATIA**

**THE SECOND HALF OF THE CHAPTER CONCLUDES WITH 2 OF
THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF SCRIPTURE IN THIS
BOOK.**

VERSES 11-12

**ACTS 10:9-15, 28 PAUL'S VISION
ACTS 11 CONFRONTATION WITH HEBREW LEADERS**

HUPO-STELLO... TO PULL BACK AND AVOID

**APHORIZO = ALOOF =TO DIVIDE AND PETER WAS
CERTAINLY DOING THAT**

**VERSE 13 - EVEN BARNABAS WAS CARRIED AWAY SO THESE
GUYS MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY PERSUASIVE...**

**VERSE 14 – LIT. “STRAIGHT FOOT” MEANS TO WALK
UPRIGHT OR STRAIGHT**

**THIS CREATED A PUBLIC SCANDLE AND THUS RECEIVED A
PUBLIC RESPONSE...**

**I TIMOTHY 5:20, "THOSE WHO DO WRONG MUST BE
REBUKED IN PRESENCE OF ALL."**

VERSE 15

**PAUL BEGINS A STINGING DEFENSE OF JUSTIFICATION BY
FAITH THAT LASTS THROUGH CHAPTER 4**

VERSE 16 – DEEP AND COMPELLING VERSE...

- **THE WORD *JUSTIFIED* OCCURS FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT IS A LEGAL TERM, BORROWED FROM THE LAW COURTS AND MEANS “TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS.”**
- **IMPUTED (CREDITED BY FATHER) (HIS DECISION)**

ROMANS 5:18 - ROMANS 8:33 - ROMANS 3:20, 22

PRECEDENT FOR PAUL’S POSITION - GENESIS 15:6

VERSES 17-18

- **THOUGH PAUL USED THE FIRST PERSON HERE, HE CLEARLY HAD IN MIND PETER, WHO BY HIS ACT OF WITHDRAWING FROM GENTILE FELLOWSHIP WAS RETURNING TO THE LAW.**

VERSE 19

PAUL MAKES THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN HOW HE LIVED AND HOW PETER WAS LIVING.

VERSE 20 – BUILDS ON VERSE 19

- **HE WAS ABLE “TO LIVE FOR GOD” BECAUSE CHRIST LIVED IN HIM.**
 1. **BASIC TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF THIS VERSE IS THE MEANING OF UNION WITH CHRIST.**
 2. **THIS DOCTRINE IS BASED ON SUCH PASSAGES AS ROMANS 6:1-6 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 12:13,**
- **HAVING BEEN UNITED TO CHRIST, BELIEVERS SHARE IN HIS DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION.**
 1. **PAUL COULD THEREFORE WRITE, I HAVE BEEN “CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST” (LIT., “I HAVE BEEN AND AM NOW CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST”).**
 2. **THIS BROUGHT DEATH TO THE LAW.**

- **IT ALSO BROUGHT A CHANGE IN REGARD TO ONE'S SELF: AND I NO LONGER LIVE. THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS, SELF-CENTERED SAUL DIED.**
- **IT IS THEN FAITH AND NOT WORKS OR LEGAL OBEDIENCE THAT RELEASES DIVINE POWER TO LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

VERSE 21.

- **THE CLEAR IMPLICATION IS THAT PETER AND THE OTHERS WHO FOLLOWED HIM WERE SETTING ASIDE GOD'S GRACE. THE ESSENCE OF GRACE IS FOR GOD TO GIVE PEOPLE WHAT THEY HAVE NOT WORKED FOR (CF. ROM. 4:4).**
- **INSISTENCE ON LEGAL OBEDIENCE ALSO MEANS CHRIST DIED FOR NOTHING. IF RIGHTEOUSNESS COMES BY KEEPING THE LAW, THE CROSS WAS A FUTILE GESTURE, THE BIGGEST MISTAKE IN THE UNIVERSE.**