

Galatians 2:11-14

¹¹But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. ¹²When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. ¹³As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, 'Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?'

HYPROCRISY

- Intentional and even unintentional contradiction of belief and practice; fake religious confessions; refers to those who live in a manner in complete contrast to their religious persuasion
- New Testament: term carries with it the sense of wickedness, opposition to God and his truth, and even heresy; not just acting – “deceiving through pretense”

JESUS' CONDEMNATION OF HYPROCRISY

- In [GIVING](#) [Matthew 6:2]
- In [PRAYER](#) [Matthew 6:5]
- In [FASTING](#) [Matthew 6:16]
- In [WORSHIP](#) [Matthew 15:7-8]
- In [AUTHENTICITY](#) [Matthew 23:27]
- In [LEADERSHIP](#) [Luke 13:15]

How we [LIVE OUT](#) our faith matters!

“Christian living is a continual realignment process.”

Timothy Keller, [Galatians for You](#)

HYPROCRISY AND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

1 – Hypocrisy affects our [INTEGRITY](#)

“But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong.” [v. 11]

2– Hypocrisy affects our [CREDIBILITY](#)

“When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore.” [v. 12a]

3 – Hypocrisy affects our [AUTHENTICITY](#)

“He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision.” [v.12b]

“Fearing people is a dangerous trap.” [Proverbs 29:25]

4 – Hypocrisy affects our [INFLUENCE](#)

¹³*As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.”* [v. 13]

5 – Hypocrisy affects our [AUTHORITY](#)

“When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, ‘Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?’” [v. 14]

6 – Hypocrisy **ULTIMATELY** affects the GOSPEL'S [RECEPTIVITY](#)

“So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech.” [1 Peter 2:1]

“We should be the [SAME PERSON](#) privately, publicly & personally.”