# "PAUL'S CONTROVERSY WITH PETER"

## GALATIANS 2:11-14

1. **THE OCASSION IN WHICH THE CONTROVERSY OCCURRED: PETER'S VISIT TO ANTIOCH OF SYRIA (GALATIANS 2:11; ACTS 12:25-13:2)**
   1. Antioch Of Syria Was The Third Largest City In The Roman Empire
   2. Antioch Of Syria Had Been The Site Of A Massive Persecution Against The Jews By Caligula Ten Years Prior To This Incident
   3. Antioch Of Syria Became The Target Area For Evangelism By Some Early Jewish Believers After The Martyrdom Of Stephen (Acts 11:19-21)
   4. Antioch Of Syria Welcomed The Presence Of Barnabas And Paul For A Year Before They Made The Famine Relief Trip To Jerusalem
   5. 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)
2. **THE NATURE OF THE CONTROVERSY (2:12-14)**
   1. 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
   2. 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
3. **THE REASON BEHIND PETER'S COMPROMISE (2:12-13)**
   1. Fear Of The Reaction Of The Jews (2:12)
   2. A Chain Reaction Of Hypocrisy (2:13)
4. **THE RESPONSE OF PAUL TO PETER'S COMPROMISE: CONFRONTATION (2:14)**
   1. The Gospel Is Potentially Compromised When We Refuse To Fellowship With The Right People
   2. The Gospel Is Potentially Compromised When We Do Attempt Fellowship With The Wrong People