

## **Gospel Confrontation**

### **Galatians 2:11-14**

*“The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.” (Proverbs 29:25 [ESV](#))*

**MAIN IDEA: The Gospel is worth fighting for. Satan works to attack the Gospel of Jesus both outside and inside the church. We must be vigilant for the Gospel in both our creed and our conduct.**

*“For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.” (Acts 11:26 [ESV](#))*

### **The Problem of Hypocrisy: A Life Out of Step with the Gospel**

*And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection.”” (Acts 10:28-29 [ESV](#))*

*“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.” (Acts 10:43-45 [ESV](#))*

Principle: It is possible to depart from the Gospel without changing your doctrinal beliefs.

### **The Necessity of Confrontation: A Gospel in Danger of Being Distorted**

Why is the problem of hypocrisy so big that confrontation is necessary?

Reason #1: Hypocrisy distorts the Gospel message.

Reason #2: Hypocrisy undermines practical Christian living in the church.

Reason #3: Hypocrisy is motivated by fleshly desires and not the love of God.

Reason #4: Hypocrisy brings division to the church.

## **The Grace of Repentance: A Correction that Glorifies God**

*“So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.” (1 Peter 2:1 [ESV](#))*

*And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.” (2 Peter 3:15-16 [ESV](#))*

*Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reprove a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.” (Proverbs 9:7-8 [ESV](#))*

Principle: We need to preach the Gospel to ourselves each day. We need the Gospel to release its power in us every day. We need the Gospel to maintain its purity in us every day.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.” Wendell Phillips

*“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1 [ESV](#))*

*“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1 Peter 5:8 [ESV](#))*