

# GALATIANS 2:1-14 - Circumcision, Freedom & Unity

**THE CIRCUMCISION QUESTION:** Should the \_\_\_\_\_ Christians be \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_?

## WHY WAS THIS ISSUE SO IMPORTANT?

1. Vital in determining who \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ believer.
  - \* False teachers had a strong & \_\_\_\_\_ view of what a 'real Christian' looked like.
  - \* The Good News = We're \_\_\_\_\_ from ritual, regulation & religious compliance.
  - \* Not free from the importance of \_\_\_\_\_, the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_, our obligation to \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus loved.
  - \* But free from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \* Instead, we've been released into the \_\_\_\_\_ of our own \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord ... Led by His \_\_\_\_\_, not someone else's \_\_\_\_\_.

## FOR YOU / US

- i) Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself: Have you given yourself lots of \_\_\_\_\_ or are you drawing from God's \_\_\_\_\_ at every turn?
  - ii) As we worship & serve together, have we created a culture of \_\_\_\_\_ or do we tend to construct \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ that drag us right back under \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Circumcision was just the '\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.'
    - \* The PROBLEM: Though Peter had been happily \_\_\_\_\_ with Gentiles he had \_\_\_\_\_ under pressure.

\* All \_\_\_\_\_ laws, \_\_\_\_\_ laws, all the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ had been \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the early church was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \* \_\_\_\_\_ with or even \_\_\_\_\_ false teaching would have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \* Again, fortunately, the apostles \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

## UNITY DOESN'T MEAN

- \* Everyone has to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- \* You have to \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone else.
- \* We will always \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* We all have to \_\_\_\_\_.

## UNITY DOES MEAN

- \* We worship the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord ... Lift up \_\_\_\_\_ ... Share the same \_\_\_\_\_ ... Walking in \_\_\_\_\_, full of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* We \_\_\_\_\_ as brother/sister, \_\_\_\_\_ who is 'in Christ' without putting \_\_\_\_\_ in their path or \_\_\_\_\_ if certain regulations aren't met.
- \* We recognise we we all have different \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

UNITY will be the product of \_\_\_\_\_

- \* \_\_\_\_\_ produces fear, imposed-hierarchy, pride & resentment.
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ produces kindness, patience & positivity; feeds acceptance, confidence & creativity.
- \* Takes \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the inevitable differences of \_\_\_\_\_ that exist in any church family.