

Bible Study: Galatians 2:14-21
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14 But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, **“If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?”**

15 We *who are Jews* by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, **that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**

17 “But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 **For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.** 19 For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. 20 **I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.** 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

Paul has effectively pointed out that Peter has been living in _____.

Let us then take a few minutes to consider the character of Peter.

Let’s look at: **Matthew 16:13-18 –**

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But **who do you say that I am?**”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and **on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

What word is translated as “Peter” here, and what does it mean?

What word is translated as “Rock” here, and what does it mean?

Acts 11:2-4 – when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, ³ saying, “**You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!**” ⁴ But Peter explained...

¹⁵ “...as I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.** ¹⁶ Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘**John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**’ ¹⁷ If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, **who was I that I could withstand God?**”

¹⁸ When they heard these things they became silent; and **they glorified God,** saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

In **v. 16-17** – *What is the key point made in these verses?*

In **v. 18** – Paul says: **If I build again those things which I destroyed... I make myself a transgressor.**
What does he mean by that?