

**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 –**

<sup>13</sup> 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?”

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

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

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> saying, “**You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!**” <sup>4</sup> But Peter explained...

<sup>15</sup> “...as I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.** <sup>16</sup> 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.**’ <sup>17</sup> 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?”**

<sup>18</sup> 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?***