

You Asked For It:

Peter Gets Pushed on His Prejudice

Acts 10:1-36

But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends from James arrived, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He bluffed and pretended to follow Jewish laws. Then the other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of all the others, 'You are a Jew by birth, but you have abandoned Jewish laws to live like a Gentile. So why are you now trying to force these Gentiles to live like Jews?'

Galatians 2:11-14 (NLT)

- FOCUS ON _____ PREJUDICE, NOT JUST SKIN COLOR.
- FOCUS ON THE _____, NOT THE _____.

In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds. ¹³ Then a voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat them."

"No, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean."^[b]

Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer." (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.)

Mark 7:19 (NLT)

For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17 (NLT)

So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality.
Colossians 2:16-17 (NLT)

PETER'S VISION TELLS US TWO THINGS:

- GOD'S _____ IS FOR _____ PEOPLE
- GOD CALLS US TO FREEDOM FROM _____.