

“A Rustling in All Directions”

Galatians 2:11-16

I. The particular problem: Peter stops _____ with the Gentiles in Antioch

A. The scene: a “great number” of Gentiles turned to the Lord in Antioch

Peter was in the _____ of eating with the Gentiles

The _____ of his life has been expanded--new adventures in food and friendship

1. Who are these men?

Supposed Christians who _____ that the Gentile converts keep ceremonial laws

2. What are their motives?

a. To make a good _____

b. To play it _____--avoid persecution for the cross of Christ

c. To maintain their special, _____ religious status

3. What makes Peter leave the diner?

a. Immediate reason: _____ --Peter “feared the circumcision party” [12b]

b. Underlying reason: Peter is _____ and _____ the Gospel

B. The results of Peter’s withdrawal

1. Peter becomes a hypocrite--an _____ --one who wears a mask

2. The _____ effect – even Barnabas was led astray!

3. They were _____ to the Gentiles – they dissed them

Legalism breeds a culture of elitism--first and second-string believers

C. Paul steps in – he does not _____ – not even for a moment

Peter should have _____

II. The backstory – a tale of two visions in Acts 10 and 11

“God has shown me that I should not call any person common or _____.”

This is, at the _____, a theological problem – all problems are!

III. The problem _____ the problem

Peter is not in step with the truth of the gospel [Galatians 2:14]

IV. Very Good News

A. The truth of the Gospel must be _____ at all costs!

B. Reformation headlines: five “_____”

The Gospel is never _____, but much _____ than a doctrine or theory

C. The abundant _____ of the Gospel – “a rustling of life in all directions” [Kuyper]

“All our problems come from a failure to _____ the gospel....The key to continual, deeper renewal is the continual rediscovery of the Gospel.” [Keller]

V. _____ fellowship is a sign of the Gospel

A. The Gospel is all about _____

It sets the table for a rich and diverse social life

B. Our hospitable Lord

Thank God that Jesus _____ sinners!

C. The Lord’s Supper--“Do this in remembrance of me”

“Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you” [Romans 15:7]

“We are _____, this is true!”