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 What Was at Stake in Peter's 'Eating with Gentiles' at Antioch?
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Q2 Paul says that in Jerusalem James upheld also that Christ-following Gentiles were not to become proselytes (2:1-10), but to continue to represent members from the other nations turning to the One God who stand as equals alongside of Israelites. Paul presumes James' continued agreement in the way that Paul argues with Peter about "the truth of the gospel" in Antioch, accusing him of "hypocrisy" but not "apostasy" or "heresy." (I.e., Peter and James did not teach proselyte conversion, but Peter's behavior implied that it was necessary to gain indisputable standing as equals.)

Fellows	0.68	Pink	0.41	0.23	0.36	0.00
Associates	0.87	Red	0.64	0.33	0.03	0.00

Q4 The "ones from circumcision" whom Peter "feared" were advocates of proselyte conversion for the Gentiles at the Christ-following group's meals, rather than advocates for a change of menu. (I.e., this can be translated to communicate the point as "the ones for [advocating] circumcision." Note: they are not identified as the "ones from the kosher menu committee.")

Fellows	0.85	Red	0.64	0.27	0.09	0.00
Associates	0.87	Red	0.65	0.32	0.03	0.00

Q7 This mixing of Jews and Gentiles at these meals symbolized the ideals of the messianic banquet of the awaited age beginning among them in the present age. (I.e., the mixed meal, although served according to Jewish dietary standards, symbolized the inclusion of members from the nations at the messianic banquet eating as equal members of the people of God alongside of Israelites.)

Fellows	0.71	Pink	0.41	0.32	0.27	0.00
Associates	0.88	Red	0.70	0.24	0.06	0.00

Q8 The meetings at which these meals were being shared by Jewish and Gentile Christ-followers were taking place within subgroups of the Jewish communities of Antioch. (I.e., they were not "church" gatherings considered by definition separate from Jewish communal gatherings [synagogues].)

Fellows	0.81	Red	0.62	0.24	0.10	0.05
Associates	0.85	Red	0.55	0.45	0.00	0.00

Q10 When Paul refers to these Gentiles being compelled to "judaize," this refers to them concluding that they must become proselytes (circumcised) if they are to be treated as equal members, not merely to adopting some Jewish behavioral norms, e.g., eating Jewishly. (Note: the catalyst for Peter's withdrawal is said to be "the ones from circumcision," not "the ones from the kosher menu committee.")

Fellows	0.89	Red	0.68	0.32	0.00	0.00
Associates	0.88	Red	0.65	0.35	0.00	0.00

Q12 The "truth of the gospel" to which Paul appeals here is the proposition about ethnic diversity not about adopting Gentile(un-Jewish)-based behavioral norms. (i.e., that Gentile Christ-followers are equal in standing with Jewish Christ-followers, not the proposition that observance of Jewish conventions such as food laws and circumcision were obsolete.)

Fellows	0.83	Red	0.60	0.30	0.10	0.00
Associates	0.89	Red	0.74	0.21	0.06	0.00