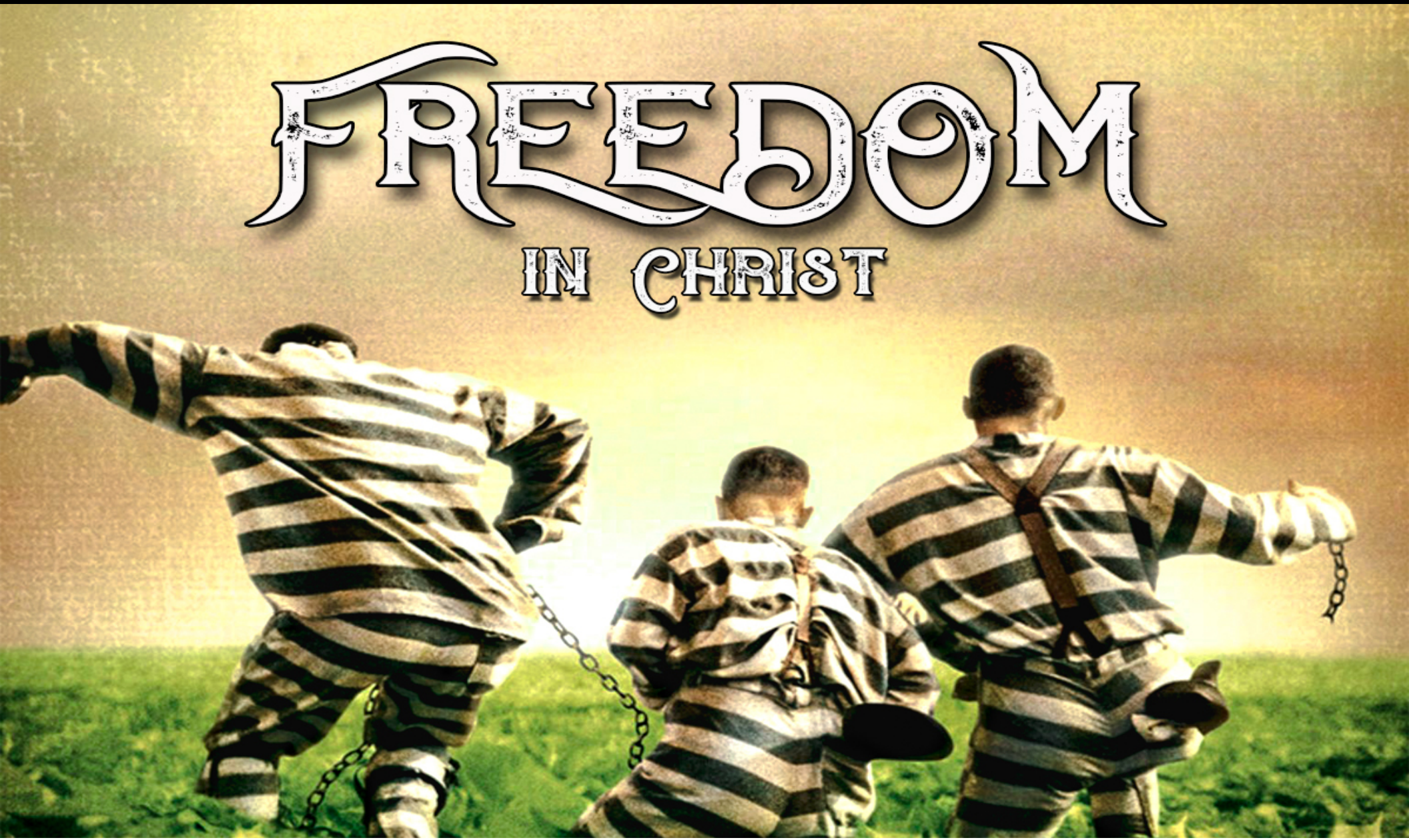
# Galatians 2:11-21



Galatia
Antioch
Jerusalem

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I
opposed him to his face, because he had
clearly done wrong. 12 Until certain people
came from James, he had been eating
with the Gentiles. But when they arrived,
he stopped doing this and separated
himself because he was afraid of those
who were pro-circumcision.

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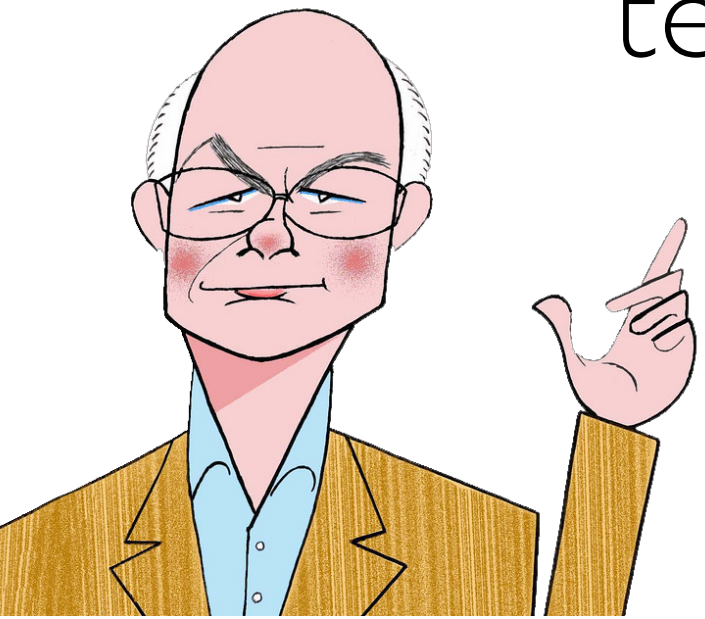
Greek: ὀρθοποδέω or-thop-od-eh'-o

*Podeo:* *to WALK (think: podiatrist)*

*Ortho:* means straight

If a policeman pulls you over and wonders whether or not you're under the influence of alcohol, what do they do? They demand *orthopodeo*, usually not in those terms. They draw a line, and they say, "Walk."



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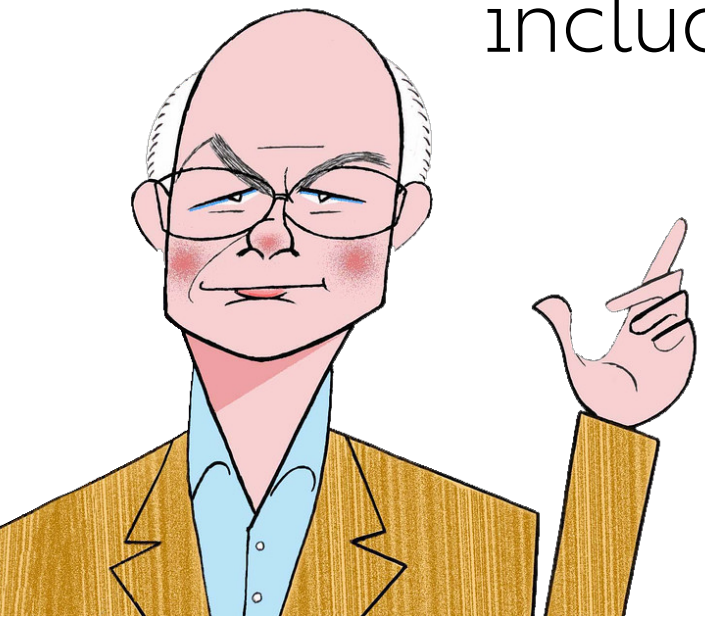
The word walk is actually a pretty significant metaphor in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. To walk is not simply to ambulate, but to walk refers to the course of your whole life. The word walk includes everything. It includes our thoughts. It includes our feelings. It includes our motivations. It includes our behavior. One's walk is the whole course, the direction, of your life.



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the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them
all, “If you, although you are a Jew, live like
a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you
try to force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

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because by the works of the law no one will
be justified.

17 But if while seeking to be justified in
Christ we ourselves have also been
found to be sinners, is Christ then one
who encourages sin? Absolutely
not! 18 But if I build up again those
things I once destroyed, I demonstrate
that I am one who breaks God's law.

19 For through the law I died to the law so
that I may live to God. 20 I have been
crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I
who live, but Christ lives in me. So the life
I now live in the body, I live because of
the faithfulness of the Son of God, who
loved me and gave himself for me.

21 I do not set aside God’s grace, because
if righteousness could come through the
law, then Christ died for nothing.

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Whatever fear motivates Peter, the cost of his hypocrisy could be catastrophic to God's design for a diverse BUT unified Church! Paul points out the Peter's hypocrisy has additional consequences: it leads Barnabas to follow him!

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*-Who is that in your life?*

*-When was the last time you said that to someone?*

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# All TOGETHER Now…

The issue here is NOT about Jewish Law – but using a personal conviction to separate yourself from other believers in Christ.

Todays issues are different but can have the same result!

*You are a **vegan**? Great!*

*You **don't drink alcohol**? Great!*

*You're **dispensational in your theology**? Great!*

But don't use your personal freedom/conviction as an excuse to exclude others or separate yourself from full participation in God's family!

# All TOGETHER Now…

One of the reasons for the explosion of the Church is that it took place in a patriarchal society, combined with a rigid class system that relegated many people, Christianity comes along and says, "Your life matters, regardless of who you are! You have a place and a part to play in the church and the world!" - Peter's split church model would compromise God's design!

# 2 All TOGETHER Now…

Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer… 44 ***All the believers were together*** and had everything in common… Every day they continued to meet together… And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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Ephesians 2:14 for he himself (Jesus) is our peace, who has *made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility*

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Ephesians 4:3- 5 Make every effort to keep the **unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith…

# God's Loyalty: Peter

Despite the fact that Peter was privileged to be one of three in Jesus' innercircle, he is also guilty of serious failures!

Yet God is not done with Peter!

He'll go on to be the leader of the Church in Rome. He'll write 2 books in the New Testament and we have the Book of Mark because of him!

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Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So the life I now live in the body, ***I live because of the faithfulness of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me***.

# communion

## do this in remembrance of me