

# Contextualize Without Compromise

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Sunday, P.M.

The New South is growing in population, generational and racial diversity. How will the Church respond and engage this new culture?

We must contextualize: Communicate the gospel to those in other cultures so they can understand and respond.

## 1. We Do Not Alter our Message to Engage Our Culture (Galatians 2:1-10)

## 2. We Do Adapt our Methods to Engage our Culture

*A. Timothy* (Acts 16:1-3)

*B. Paul* (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

*C. Jesus* (John 1:1, 14)

## 3. We Cannot Allow Moralism to Limit our Engagement to our Culture (Galatians 2:11-21)

There is debate over pulpit language

There is debate over translating Scripture

There is debate over reaching the unreached people groups

There is debate over dress

There is debate over personal standards

*A. Peter had contextualized in Antioch* (Galatians 2:11)

*B. Peter compromised with faced with Moralists* (Galatians 2:11-13)

1) There is the danger of syncretism

2) There is the danger of isolationism

*C. Peter knew better because of his engagement with Cornelius* (Acts 10)

*D. Peter was rebuked by Paul for compromising the gospel* (Galatians 2:14-21)

*E. Moralism or Legalism is the enemy of the Gospel in*

1) Justification (Galatians 3-4)

2) Sanctification (Galatians 5-6)