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Galatians 2:11-21

Viewing life through rose-colored glasses can create a sense of unrealistic optimism; a "peace at any price" motto. This concept was adapted for chickens. There is a pecking order that establishes hierarchy within the flock. Once the dominant chicken recognizes blood, it will peck its contender to death. To calm this aggressive behavior, in the early 1900s, tiny rose colored eye glasses were designed for chickens and peace was established in the hen house.*

Paul, however, courageously confronts Peter whose "rosy, peace at any price" outlook is compromising God's grace. Even after experiencing God's free salvation, Peter was still working to earn it. Through Christ alone, our sins are forgiven and we are free from the yoke that chokes! Warren Wiersbe in his book, Be Free, explains, "Returning to the law nullifies the cross. Law says DO! Grace says DONE!"** Paul was saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who declared from the cross, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). We join him in praising our Lord and Savior for this Glorious Freedom!

* Todd Bryan, "The Pioneer Way, Get Back to Basics," Glasses for Chickens, November 20, 2011 thepioneerway.com/farming/glasses-chickens, (accessed 6/20/12).

** Warren Wiersbe, Be Free (Victor Books, 1989), 56.

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