

## Galatians 2 *continued* – The Gospel of Grace is **DEFENDED!**

### Chapter 2 – Review

1. Paul defends the gospel before the church \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem. Galatians 2:1-10

**Acts 15** has the detailed play-by-play

- Certain men had come into the Church at Antioch with a false gospel.
- They persuaded Paul and Barnabas to go to Jerusalem to settle the “question”.
- Peter stands up to support Paul and the gospel to the Gentiles.
- Paul and Barnabas share all that God had done with the Gentiles.
- James takes the position of authority and confirms with the \_\_\_\_\_!
- James says that letters should be sent – like the Jews have in Moses (the Scriptures) – read weekly!
- Everyone agrees and the “\_\_\_\_\_” is delivered with men to confirm the authenticity.
- Silas was from Jerusalem (with apostles) and decides to stay in Antioch – where God is clearly at work!
- Paul and Barnabas separate – Paul takes Silas (and then Timothy 16:1) – the next missionary trip team.

### Chapter 2 – continued

2. Paul defends the gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ – a **STUMBLINGBLOCK** to others. Galatians 2:11-14

- Paul confronts Peter to the face at the church in Antioch. Prov 27:6, 17; Gal 6:1
- Peter had separated from the Gentile brethren when certain came from James. Acts 5:29
- Peter’s \_\_\_\_\_ of men caused him to stumble – like he did towards Jesus. Luke 22:54-62
- Peter’s reactions were a **STUMBLINGBLOCK** to the other brethren – younger and older. Rom 14:13; 1 Cor 8:9
- Peter forgot that he was a walking “\_\_\_\_\_” known and read by all men! 2 Cor 3:2-3

3. Paul defends the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ – we are justified by \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 2:15-21

- Paul confirms that all are \_\_\_\_\_ – both Jews and Gentiles. Rom 3:9, 10, 23; Eph 2:11-13
- Paul confirms that a man is \_\_\_\_\_ justified by the **WORKS** of the law.

Galatians 3:10-12

Galatians 5:4

Acts 13:38-19

Romans 1:17

Romans 3:19-28

Romans 4:2, 5, 6, 13-15, 24-25

Romans 5:1, 2, 8, 9

Romans 8:3, 30-34

1 Corinthians 6:11

2 Corinthians 5:19-21

Philippians 3:9

Hebrews 7:18-19

- It is settled forever – a man is justified only by \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. Eph 2:5,8,9; Titus 3:5-7

- Paul confirms that our sin makes us **SINNERS** not righteous. Rom 6:1, 7:7; Rom 6&7
- Paul confirms that we are dead to the law, but \_\_\_\_\_ unto God. Rom 6:10-11; 7:4-6
- Paul closes with two very key passages of Scripture:

2:20 I am \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ:  
nevertheless I live;  
yet not I,  
but Christ liveth in me:  
and the life which I \_\_\_\_\_ live in the flesh I live by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God,  
who loved me,  
and gave himself for me.

2:21 I do not frustrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:  
for if righteousness come by the law,  
then Christ is dead in **VAIN**.

Personal Application

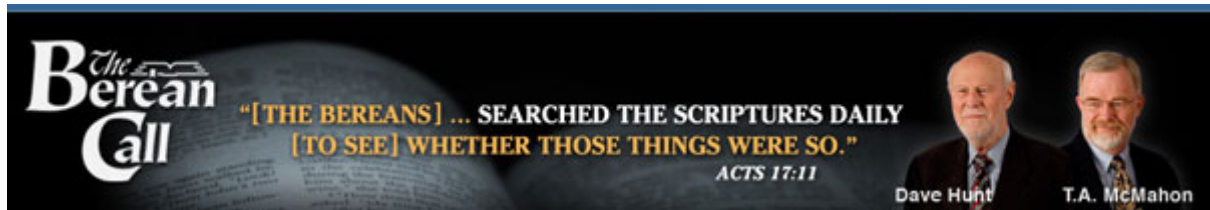
- Have you or someone you know been a **STUMBLINGBLOCK** to the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- If yes, what do you plan to do about it – \_\_\_\_\_?

- Are you trusting in your good \_\_\_\_\_ to justify yourself before God?

Psalm 143:1-2

*...for in thy sight shall no man living be **JUSTIFIED**.*

- Are you justified by \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ alone?
- If yes, when was the \_\_\_\_\_ time you thanked God and shared such news with the lost?
- Are you ready to defend the gospel in your \_\_\_\_\_?



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### Today's Update

#### MOST CHRISTIANS DEFINE THEIR OWN THEOLOGY

More than half say other faiths can also lead to salvation. [Excerpts]

American individualism has made its imprint on Christianity.

A sizable majority of the country's faithful no longer hew closely to orthodox teachings, and look more to themselves than to churches or denominations to define their religious convictions, according to two recent surveys. More than half of all Christians also believe that some non-Christians can get into heaven.

"Growing numbers of people now serve as their own theologian-in-residence," said George Barna, president of Barna Group, on releasing findings of one of the polls on Jan. 12.

In the Barna survey, 71 percent of American adults say they are more likely to develop their own set of religious beliefs than to accept a defined set of teachings from a particular church. Even among born-again Christians, 61 percent pick and choose from the beliefs of different denominations. For people under the age of 25, the number rises to 82 percent.

Many "cafeteria Christians" go beyond the teachings of Christian denominations to embrace parts of other world religions.

Half of Americans also believe that Christianity is now just one of many faith options people can choose from (44 percent disagree with that perception). Residents of the Northeast and West were more likely than those in the South and Midwest to say Christianity has lost its status as the favored American religion.

Christians expressed a variety of unorthodox beliefs in the poll. Nearly half of those interviewed do not believe in the existence of Satan, one-third believe Jesus sinned while on earth, and two-fifths say they don't have a responsibility to share their faith with others.

The most striking divergence from orthodoxy, however, was first revealed in the 2007 US Religious Landscape Survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. That comprehensive survey of 35,000 Americans found a majority of Christians saying that people of other religions can find salvation and eternal life.

[TBC: To "define one's own theology" is to divorce oneself from an unchanging measurable standard-the Word of God.]