Defending the Gospel

Galatians 2:1-10

> Intro

- 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- Galatians 2:1-10

1. Reason To Defend

- Galatians 2:4
- Hebrews 10:23-25
- Galatians 1:8-9

- Moralist gospel: we don't have a sin nature we just have a sin issue. We need to do more good than bad.
- Mystic gospel: salvation is an emotional experience with God.
- Works gospel: we earn our way to heaven.
- Universal gospel: Christ saved everyone. It's not just all dogs go to heaven but all people too.
- Prosperity gospel: Jesus wants us to live a life of health and wealth.
- Poverty gospel: we can never possess or enjoy anything in this world. A true faith in Christ results in choosing to be materially poor and spiritually rich.

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2. <u>Defense Is Not Done Alone</u>

- Acts 15:2
- Galatians 2:1
- Galatians 2:6

- Galatians 1:8-9
- Hebrews 10:23-25

The team:

- Paul: Once named Saul. Who hunted Christians, stoning them and placing them in jail. Now turned Apostle and ambassador of Christ.
- Barnabas: Name means "son of encouragement." He is the one who brings Paul and the rest of the Apostles together encouraging them of the work he saw God doing through Paul.
- Titus: A gentile and a true son of the common faith is what Paul calls him in Titus 1:4. Titus was given the task to help the church in Crete. One verse in Titus says of the Cretans that they were liars and proud of it. Titus helped them to live out their true calling in Christ and to turn from the old self.

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3. Stay Focused On The Misson

- Galatians 2:9-10
 Acts 15:3-4
 Colossians 3:1-3
 Philippians 4:8-9

4. Conclusion

- <u>Romans 8:1</u>
- John 14:6