

Galatians

CHAPTER 2



Galatians 2:1-5

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- ▶ Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.
- ▶ ² And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.
- ▶ ³ But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:
- ▶ ⁴ And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:
- ▶ ⁵ To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

Notes: The Finished Work of Jesus

- ▶ Read: John 19:28-30
- ▶ One Greek word for: "It is finished" (Tut-tal-list-eye) Same greek word they used when something is paid in full.
- ▶ The Jews used to call Gentiles dogs...
- ▶ Read: Acts 15:1-2
- ▶ Titus was Paul's test to see if the Christian Jews accept him as a brother.
- ▶ Legalism means requirements. Some people make "holy" statements that make us feel inferior.
- ▶ Paul stood up for the true gospel so that it will continue with us.
- ▶ God calls us holy saints because we put our faith in His finished work.

Galatians 2:6-18

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⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸ (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Scripture: Power of Influence

▶ ¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

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¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified^[a] by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

Notes: Power of Influence

- ▶ What does it mean to follow Jesus? (What or who influences you the most)
- ▶ In Christ there is neither Jew or Gentile Galatians 3:28
- ▶ God tore down this wall and Peter tried to build it up again, because of influence.
- ▶ When you begin to live something other than you know to be true, you are living hypocritically. If you are a leader living like this, it is a bigger deal.
- ▶ **“I Don’t smoke, drink or chew, or run with those who do” - Legalist**

Galatians 2:19-21

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19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. **20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21** I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Notes: Crucified with Christ

- ▶ Meaning of baptism. Jesus identified with us when He was baptized by John and we identify with Him when we get baptized. Death, burial and resurrection.
- ▶ "I died to the law." When I received Him as the savior of my life. His death became my death. When you die, you are free...
- ▶ Romans 7:1-4
- ▶ **3** Do you not know that all of us ^owho have been baptized ^pinto Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were ^aburied therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as ^rChrist was raised from the dead by ^sthe glory of the Father, we too might walk in ^tnewness of life. Romans 6:3-4
- ▶ Crucified with Christ. Faith is a total dependence in Jesus Christ. Jesus plus nothing!
- ▶ His resurrection was a sign of His approval by the Father!