

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians



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Last week part one revealed how the apostle Paul used his personal testimony in an attempt to persuade the Galatian churches to refuse the false brethren and maintain allegiance to the one true _____. Today in part two, he continues to expound his individual experiences, but from a slightly different perspective. Here he gives testimony of major confrontations he has had in Jerusalem and details the victorious outcome of those _____. At times, we must all take a _____ for the truth, both privately and publically. Today's Christians need to appreciate the courage of Paul and his missionary team, not just for hazarding their lives among combative heathens, but for the good fight of faith they wrought among wayward believers, bogus converts, and false teachers. We should be thankful and learn from their example—having a greater concern for the _____ of God than peace and unity with counterfeit religionists and deluded denominations.

DEFENDING THE GOSPEL WITH PAUL'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY – PART TWO – GALATIANS 2:1-10

1. The confrontation in Jerusalem – Galatians 2:1-8; Acts 15:1-21

a. A _____ meeting – verses 1-6

- The cast of characters:

The Antiochian missionaries – Paul, Barnabas, and Titus

Those of reputation in Jerusalem – James, Cephas (Peter, called Simeon or Simon), and John

- The details:

Paul went to Jerusalem by revelation

He communicated unto them that gospel which he preached among the Gentiles

He first did this _____ in a meeting with the Jerusalem three

He did this to protect all the believers and the ministry God gave him

He used Titus as a case-in-point

He explains the Gentile churches were under attack from false brethren

He tells them these Judaizers presented themselves as being important men, but that their titles meant nothing to God or him

He points out that the Jerusalem churches have the same message of grace as the Gentiles, but their ministries concern differing people groups, which means their methods are different

b. A _____ meeting – Acts 15:1-21

- The cast of additional characters:

False brethren – certain men from Judea and of the sect of Pharisees which believed

The multitude – apostles and elders (pastors) of the church in Jerusalem

- The details:

There was much disputing (dissension, arguing and debating)

Peter defended the gospel Paul preached

Paul and Barnabas declared their missionary achievements with the Gentiles

James defended the true gospel and Paul's work with the Gentiles

James offered reasonable compromises as to not offend the lost Jews that were in their area

2. The ultimate outcome of the conflict – Galatians 2:9-10; Acts 15:22-35

a. The entire assembly: the apostles and elders, and all the multitude – Acts 15:22-35

- The compromises were reasonable and agreed upon; it _____ everyone

Abstain from things sacrificed to idols

Abstain from fornication

Eat somewhat kosher (lawful) and don't eat blood

Do this in order to reach lost Jews which are scattered throughout the Gentile world

- They sent Jewish representatives back to Asia Minor to support the one true gospel
- They wrote _____ of approval to read to the churches
- This report restored grace, liberty and peace to the Gentile churches
- There was true peace between Jew and Gentile as they knew they were _____ in Christ

b. The _____ of leadership in Jerusalem: James, Cephas, and John – verses 9-10

- They believed Paul was operating under the _____ of God
- They confirmed his message was from God by offering their right hands of fellowship
- They confirmed that their ministries were different, yet the same
- They asked the Gentiles to care for the poor as was their custom as Jews