

“I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST”

Galatians 2:1-21

Key Verse: 2:20

1. Fourteen years later, what motivated Paul to visit Jerusalem? (1-2,4) How does this show God's leading for Paul and for the church? (2b) How was Satan sowing disunity through the issue of circumcision and how can we be like Paul to confront these issues? What happened to Titus in Jerusalem, and how does this confirm God's grace to the Gentiles? (1b,3)
2. What was the false brothers' real motive in forcing Gentiles to be circumcised? (4: 6:12-13) What did Paul mean by "the truth of the gospel"? (5, 14) Why must the truth of the gospel be preserved? Why has this been so crucial for the history of Christian missions?
3. How did the leaders in Jerusalem respond to Paul and his message? (6) How did God reveal that there was no disunity among the apostles? (7-10) How can we work together like Peter and Paul?
4. In Antioch (Gentile church), how did the circumcision group influence Peter to change his behavior, and what impact did this have? (11-13) Why did Paul rebuke him publicly? (14) How can inconsistencies in our faith limit or negatively influence the power of the gospel working in our lives? How can we help each other?
5. How does the gospel apply to both Jew and Gentile, and what contrast does Paul make between grace by faith and performance-based righteousness? (15-16) How was Paul willing to be misunderstood for gentile "sinner"? (17-18: Mk 2:15-17)
6. What did Paul mean when he said he died to the law (performance based righteousness)? (19a) What did this free him to do? (19b) How did Paul find the unique way to live consistently for Christ and for the gospel? (20) How can we live our life "in the body"? What can we learn from Paul's decision? (21)