

The Titus Test

Galatians 2:1-10

Our Lives Should Be Living Proof Of The Gospel

A. Paul's Jerusalem Journey (2:1-2)

- 1. Paul was not a frequent visitor to Jerusalem (2:1)**
- 2. God told Paul to go to Jerusalem (2:2)**

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B. Paul's Titus Test (2:3)

1. Paul took Titus to prove a point to the Judaizers

1 Corinthians 7:19

2. The importance of circumcision to the Jews

(Acts 15:1)

a. God's covenant with Abraham

Genesis 17:10

b. The Law given to Moses

Leviticus 17:3, Exodus 12:44

3. Titus was living proof

Colossians 1:27

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C. Paul's Bogus Brothers (2:4-5)

- 1. False brethren came along to cause trouble**
- 2. They were false brothers**
pseudadelphos = lying fellow believer
- 3. They were infiltrators**
pareiserchomai = from (source) to enter in
- 4. They were spies**
kataskopeō = to look critically against
- 5. False teachers and shameful behavior**

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D. Paul's Apostolic Acceptance (2:6-10)

- 1. Those who seemed important had nothing to add (2:6)**
- 2. They recognized Paul's contribution (2:7)**
- 3. Three affirmations were made at this summit (2:7-9)**
 - a. One Gospel**
Romans 1:16
 - b. Two Apostolic callings**
 - c. Three pillars**
- 4. The Pillars accepted Paul (2:9)**
- 5. They saw the same need (2:10)**

Faulty Faith
Galatians 2:11-21

Faulty Faith Frustrates Followers

The Conversion of Cornelius

Acts 10



Peter's Words

Acts 10:34-35

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Acts 11:17

Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

I. The Incident (2:11-13)

Galatians 2:11-13

11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because **he was to be blamed**.

12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, **he withdrew and separated himself**, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Jews **dissembled** likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

A. The hypocrisy of Peter (2:11-12)

B. The hypocrisy of the other Jewish believers (2:13)

II. The Indictment (2:14)

Galatians 2:14

But when I saw that they walked not **uprightly** according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why **compellest** thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

A. Paul's perception

B. Paul's proclamation

C. Paul's pronouncement

Matthew 23:4

For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

III. The Implications (2:15-18)

Galatians 2:15-18

15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

III. The Implications (2:15-18)

A. We should know better (2:15)

B. What should we know (2:16)

**Salvation is only by faith in Christ and not by works
Romans 3:28**

**Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith
without the deeds of the law.**

**C. What if we could be wrong and works are required for
salvation (2:17-18)**

1. Christ would be a sinner (v 17)

2. We would still be sinners (v 18)

IV. The Imperatives (2:19-21)

Galatians 2:19-21

19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

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

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

IV. The Imperatives (2:19-21)

A. The sinner died with Christ on the cross (2:19)

B. The saved live because of the resurrected Christ (2:20)

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

C. Do not frustrate God's grace by believing in legalism (2:21)

What Is Your Salvation Based On?