

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 2

Introduction:

1. As this chapter opens, Paul had been saved 17 years, and was heading to Jerusalem. We learn why in Acts 15:1-2.
2. There was a major _____ in Paul's home church (the church at Antioch).
 - Many Jewish legalists were teaching that Gentiles must be circumcised and keep the Jewish law in order to be _____.
3. Paul and Barnabas immediately locked horns with these Jewish teachers.
Acts 15:2
4. The apostle Paul made it clear that this was a direct _____ on the sufficiency of Christ's work. Galatians 2:21
5. So, this chapter opens with Paul heading to Jerusalem to get this issue settled, once and for all. This event is known as the Jerusalem Council.

Verse 1

- A. Three representatives were sent from the church at Antioch.
 - _____ – it was his message and ministry that was being called into question.
 - Barnabas – he traveled with Paul on his first missionary journey, seeing firsthand God's work of _____ among the Gentiles.
 - Titus – he was one of Paul's converts, an uncircumcised _____.
- B. These three men headed to Jerusalem to _____ the gospel of grace that had been revealed to Paul.

Verse 2

- A. Why did Paul allow his ministry to come under the scrutiny of the church at Jerusalem?

- B. This verse makes it clear that God revealed to Paul that it was His direct _____ for him to go to Jerusalem. Paul said, "I went up by revelation..."
- C. When Paul arrived at Jerusalem, he first met privately with the church _____. Why did he do this?
- Paul wanted to make sure that they were unified _____ the public meetings.
- D. Paul also wanted to explain to them the message of _____ that he proclaimed among the Gentiles. Notice that Paul "communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles..."
- Why would Paul need to explain to them the gospel he was preaching if it was the same gospel that Peter had been preaching since the day of Pentecost?
 - The twelve had preached Christ as Israel's _____ and had not yet learned that through His death the Mosaic Law was to be set aside.
 - Paul's gospel was salvation by grace through _____ in the all-sufficient, finished work of Jesus Christ, offered to every person without distinction.