

Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

Chapter 2

Verse 6

- A. Men and their positions did not _____ Paul – he was enamored with One – Jesus Christ!
- B. Paul respected the leaders at the Jerusalem Council, but he did not _____ them or seek to pacify them in any way.
- C. Paul said that in conference they added nothing to him.
- D. In 17 years, he had only spent _____ weeks with a couple of the apostles (1:18-19). There was nothing they could teach Paul about God’s plan for this dispensation of grace. Why is this?
 - Because while they continued working with Israel, God was revealing the new truths of _____ to Paul, and Paul was writing to the Gentile churches.

Verse 7

- A. Paul had a unique message and ministry given to Him by Jesus Christ and the apostles saw it and officially recognized it.
- B. This verse mentions two gospels: the gospel of the uncircumcision and the gospel of the circumcision. What is meant by these two terms?
 1. Let’s begin with the gospel of the circumcision.
 - _____ was the first person given the rite of circumcision. It was to separate Abraham’s seed from the wicked, uncircumcised nations around them.
 - Through Abraham’s physical _____ came the nation of Israel. They were referred to as “the circumcision.” It was prophesied that through Israel, all the nations of the earth would be _____.

Acts 3:25-26

- Israel had rejected their King (Jesus), but Peter proclaimed good news to them. If they would repent and turn to Christ, God would forgive their sins and send Jesus to establish their _____ kingdom by which all the Gentile nations would be blessed. Acts 3:19-21
 - The _____ apostles focused their efforts on proclaiming this gospel to Israel and seeking to bring them to repentance and faith in Christ as their Messiah. Acts 8:1
2. Now let's look at the gospel of the uncircumcision.
- In the Bible, "the uncircumcision" refers to the _____ nations.
 - Paul says that this gospel was committed unto him.
 - What exactly was this good news? It was the good news that individuals in _____ nations could be saved, forgiven of all their sins, and reconciled to God through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
 - Gentiles could be made righteous _____ from Israel, the keeping of the law or the rite of circumcision.

Verses 8-9

- A. _____ was instrumental in bringing many people from the nation of Israel to faith in Christ. Yet as a nation, their leadership and the majority of Israel were unrepentant, and even caustic towards the followers of Jesus Christ (see Acts 7).
- B. God had saved Paul in Acts 9 and revealed to him a _____ message of grace. God had graciously decided to extend an offer of _____ to individuals in all nations.
- This is the gospel that would go to the nations, and God had worked through Paul mightily to reach multitudes for Christ.
- C. The Jerusalem Council ended with a historic handshake between Paul and the other apostles.
- The leaders at Jerusalem recognized God's calling upon Paul to take the gospel of _____ to the Gentiles.
 - They recognized that Paul's Gentile converts were indeed _____ apart from any works of the law. Acts 15:19