

“Galatians # 3”

Gal. 1: 18-24; 2:1-16

Review: verses 15-17... *“We talked about God calling us from the womb last week... V16 say’s: I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood. Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me”*

Kenneth Wuest: “Paul could not have learned the gospel from the twelve Apostles at Jerusalem, for he kept aloof from them for some time after his conversion.”

ESV: 15-17 *“But when He who set me apart before I was born, and called me by His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me...”*

➤ Gal 1:18-24...

1. Paul is making it clear he had no contact with the original apostles!
 - a. Three years before he even met Peter and James (The Lords brother)
 - b. Spends 15 days with them, then he’s off to Syria and Cilicia to preach the gospel
 - c. The people didn’t even know him... but they glorified God in him. **WHY?**

ACTS 9:19-22

ACTS 11:19-26

➤ **Gal 2:1-10**

1. Paul's desire was unity and fellowship with the leadership

- a. V2 **by revelation...** he went to the pillars of the church, to make sure he was not running in vain.
- b. V3 **why does he make this statement...?** leaders agreed with him, had no problem with his message!

2. False brothers... spying out our freedom in Christ Jesus

- a. V4... where did they come from; many believe they came from Jerusalem?

NIV: *"This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves"*

- b. Question... what are some of the ways Satan tries to make us slaves? Or put us in bondage? (It can be very subtle)

Romans 3:19-20

Col. 2:16-17

Titus 3:4-5

➤ Gal 2:11-14...

1. After Peter's vision of the sheet (Acts 10:9...)

- a. *"What God has cleansed (declared clean) you must not call common"*
- b. Whether James sent them because he was concerned, or they came on their own from Jerusalem is of some controversy. (**Most scholars believe James did have some concerns?**)
- c. Fact is Peter was being a hypocrite, feared the circumcision!

2. V's 14 One thing Paul was... he was bold

- a. Concerned with the truth of the gospel.
- b. That it not be adulterated...
- c. Grace / Faith + anything else is not the gospel!

➤ Gal 2:15-16

Justified: "Declared Righteous"

1. We are justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law.
 - a. *Because by works of the law no one will be justified.*

- **Timothy Keller:** *Religion operates on the principal of – "I obey, therefore I am accepted by God" ... The basic operating principle of the gospel is – "I am accepted by God through the work of Jesus Christ, therefore I obey"*

John 15:3-8... “We are clean because of the word Jesus has spoken to us”

Abide: “Stay, to wait for or with..., to remain, to continue with...”

NIV “Remain in me, as I also remain in you”

Spend time with me... Stay with me.

Example: Quality time vs. quantity time... (not what you think, explain)