

## Galatians 2:1-10

1Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. 2I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain. 3Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. 4This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. 5We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.

6As for those who seemed to be important—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by external appearance—those men added nothing to my message. 7On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles,<sup>[a]</sup> just as Peter had been to the Jews.<sup>[b]</sup> 8For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles. 9James, Peter<sup>[c]</sup> and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. 10All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

### Footnotes:

- a. Galatians 2:7 Greek uncircumcised
- b. Galatians 2:7 Greek circumcised; also in verses 8 & 9
- c. Galatians 2:9 Greek Cephas; also in verses 11 & 14

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1. Two schools of thought exist about this visit to Jerusalem. One springs from Acts 11:19-30 and the other from Acts 15:1-5. Summarize the circumstances of each.
2. How does Paul approach his argument that Gentile Christians also did not have to become Jews?
3. Explain how Titus served as “exhibit A” for Paul’s case.

4. Compare and contrast concepts of “freedom in Christ” with “slaves”.

9. **(Discuss)** What can you learn from Paul when your beliefs run contrary to another’s?

5. Do “credentials” matter to Paul? Explain.

6. What is important?

10. **(Discuss)** The issues today that can lead to “slavery” typically do not include circumcision. What things now do tend to enslave our Christianity?

7. How do others become “exhibit B” in Paul’s case?

8. **(Discuss)** If the church had chosen to follow the Judaizers rather than Paul, what could the results have been?

11. **(Discuss)** Has your participation in a ministry (using your giftedness and/or calling) ever been challenged? How can one persevere in the face of opposition?