

Galatians 2.1-2.21

Instructions

Carefully read all of chapter 2 and then attempt to answer the questions which follow:

1. What was the purpose of Paul taking Titus with him when he went up to Jerusalem?
2. "I went up by revelation" What does Paul mean by this statement in verse 2?
3. Who is Paul referring to when he speaks of "them which were of reputation" in verse 3?
4. How did the false teachers enter the churches of Galatia (v4)
5. What purpose did the false teachers have in joining the churches in Galatia? (v4)
6. How does verse 8 answer the question of what Paul meant in when he referred to "the gospel of the uncircumcision" and the "gospel of the circumcision" in verse 7?
7. When Peter came up to Antioch, Paul confronted him about an issue and said he was to be blamed. What was Peter doing that Paul saw the need to confront him over it?

Summary Commentary Galatians 1.16

The teaching of justification by faith is what separates biblical Christianity from all other belief systems. In every religion, and in some branches of what is called "Christianity," man is working his way to God. Only in true, biblical Christianity is man saved as a result of grace through faith. Only when we get back to the Bible do we see that justification is by faith, apart from works.

The word *justified* means "pronounced or treated as righteous." For a Christian, justification is the act of God not only forgiving the believer's sins but imputing to him the righteousness of Christ. The Bible states in several places that justification only comes through faith (e.g., Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:24). Justification is not earned through our own works; rather, we are covered by the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5). The Christian, being declared righteous, is thus freed from the guilt of sin.

In keeping with the above definition of justification, in verse 16 Paul says very clearly to the Galatians that they are justified by and not by the

8. Paul says in verse 19 that as a Christian I am dead to the that I might Unto God

9. How can we be crucified with Christ and yet be alive? (v20)

10. If we could achieve righteousness in our own right before God, what would that mean for the crucifixion of Christ? (v21)