



Paul Stands Firm Galatians 2:1-10

I. THE RETURN TO JERUSALEM (Vs.1-3)

- Paul went up to Jerusalem after an absence of 14 years to inform the church leaders about his ministry among the Gentiles, and to confront the false teachers (*Acts 15:4,6,22,32; 25:14; Gal.2:2,6,9*).
- Titus, an uncircumcised Greek, accompanied him and was accepted by the leaders (*Tit.1:4; Gal.2:3*).

II. THE RESPONSE TO JUDAIZERS (Vs.4-5)

- False brethren were subverting the truth by teaching that a person had to be circumcised and keep the Mosaic Law in order to be saved (*Acts 8:13; 15:5; Gal.2:4; Jn.6:64-66; 2 Cor.11:13-15; 2 Pet.2:1*).
- Paul promptly refuted this error; thus the main reason for writing this letter (*2 Cor.11:20; Gal.1:8,9*).

III. THE RESULTING JUDGEMENT (Vs.6-10)

- Those of high reputation in the church contributed nothing to God or Paul; they may be important in the eyes of men but God sees impartially (*Gal.2:6*).
- These leaders of the Jerusalem church agreed with Paul about the false teachers (*Acts 10:44-45; 15:8*).
- They threw their full support behind Paul's mission to take the gospel to the Gentiles (*Acts 15:11; vs. 8-9*).

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Application

1. Paul was absolutely convinced of his God given mission in life and nothing or no man could dissuade him from that – not the false teachers, and not even men of great repute in the church.

Are you as settled in your God given mission in life?

2. At various times and places in the New Testament church false teachers were doing their subversive work. This was true in Corinth at Antioch and in the churches of Galatia. The same is true today and we are warned to be on the lookout for such. If you encounter a false teacher in your fellowship will you respond in a wishy-washy manner thinking this is showing love and grace or will you respond as decisively as did Paul? Trust it is the latter.

How will you respond to false teachers?

3. Some men in the church are sometimes viewed as more important than others. But this is false. God sees impartially.

The question for each of us is: Are you allowing God to fulfill the mission that He has given to you?