



THE BOOK OF GALATIANS

The Truth About The Gospel

The Dangers of Legalism, Liberalism, & Literalism

Lesson #2 = *The Order of the Gospel* (Galatians 2)

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Introduction: The book of Galatians presents an effective case for the gospel of Christ. It challenges the basic principles of legalism, yet also reveals the dangers of liberalism and literalism. Paul shows the necessity of balance and understanding within the Christian community. In the kingdom of God there is room for legalism, liberalism, and literalism... but it can be dangerous if one group dominates the thoughts and/or vision of the church family. Everyone matures at a different rate. Not everyone sees things exactly as another. What Paul advocates, in this letter, is that God loves us ALL the same. Instead of focusing on all of our differences, we need to find our common identity in Christ. In this second chapter, Paul builds on the source of his own apostleship and defends the new covenant of God. He shows the authority and order of the gospel. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Confirming the Order of the Gospel (2:1-6)

- A. The Dilemma With Titus (vs.1-3)
- B. The Confrontation With False Brethren (vs.4-6)

II. Defending the Order of the Gospel (2:7-10)

- A. Circumcision vs. Uncircumcision (vs.7-8)
- B. Legalism vs. Liberalism (vs.9-10)

III. Denying the Order of the Gospel (2:11-14)

- A. The Hypocrisy of a Church Leader (vs.11-12)
- B. The Repentance of a Church Leader (vs.13-14)

IV. Compulsion of the Order of the Gospel (2:15-21)

- A. Justified By Faith (vs.15-17)
- B. Crucified With Christ (vs.18-21)

Conclusion: Last week we noticed how no one group of people has a monopoly on God or His church. We recognized the fact that all of us should feel compelled to share the grace of God with others (**Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-1**). However, we can also see from this chapter that God alone has authority over His church! He established the order of the gospel. Will you effectively follow the authority of God without compromising grace to all men and love for all men? What are you going to do with the gospel? Will you share it? Will you obey it?



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