

## The Truth of the Gospel Must Be Preserved

Galatians 2:1-10

In this letter Paul mixes autobiography (his own story) with current events (the Galatians' story), all in service to the Story--the Gospel

*"After fourteen years I went up again to \_\_\_\_\_" [v. 1]*

What is the purpose of this trip? [v. 2]

1. In response to a \_\_\_\_\_ – the Lord supernaturally directed Paul
2. To set forth the gospel he is preaching among the Gentiles
3. To make sure that he is not "running in \_\_\_\_\_"  
To make certain that he and the other apostles are all on the \_\_\_\_\_  
*"The truth of the Gospel must be preserved" [v. 5]*

### I. The problem \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: legalism--works righteousness

The default setting of the human heart; the engine that drives \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. Observance of the \_\_\_\_\_ law

Circumcision--the visible marker of spiritual and cultural \_\_\_\_\_

1. Boundary markers to keep the Jews culturally distinct
2. A checklist to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ before a holy God  
Christ's work on the cross is not sufficient – we must add some \_\_\_\_\_ of our own  
Legalism makes such practices non-negotiable – essential for salvation  
The Apostles preserved the Gospel by "adding \_\_\_\_\_" to it! [v. 5-6]

#### B. Paul takes a road trip to Jerusalem with two strategic companions

1. Barnabas--a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian
2. Titus – a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian  
The acceptance of Titus was a \_\_\_\_\_ public statement

#### C. Paul does not give an \_\_\_\_\_. The Gospel is the hill he will not relinquish!

*"If righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no \_\_\_\_\_."*

[Galatians 2:21b]

**II. The problem \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: legalism**

A. The subtle disease is the most \_\_\_\_\_

Anti-Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ were "secretly brought in--slipped in" to Galatia [v. 4]

The \_\_\_\_\_ results of missing the Gospel

B. \_\_\_\_\_ vs. freedom

1. The bondage of supposed \_\_\_\_\_. The grave danger of thinking you are \_\_\_\_\_ the standard--legalism breeds a culture of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The bondage of failure:

a. perpetual \_\_\_\_\_;

b. \_\_\_\_\_;

c. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reluctance to \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel--it seems too good to be true

We barely \_\_\_\_\_ in the vast ocean of grace

**III. Be eager to remember the \_\_\_\_\_**

A. The Backstory

Eagerness to give is born of the Gospel

B. The backstory is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Story

*"Neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new \_\_\_\_\_."*

[Galatians 6:15]

C. The Story animates our stories

*"In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything,*

*but only \_\_\_\_\_ working through \_\_\_\_\_."* [Galatians 5:6]