

## One Gospel for All People Affirmed

1. What was God's purpose in leading Paul to Jerusalem?

Galatians 2:1-5

2. What do we see in Paul that should be imitated?

I Corinthians 11:1

a. He surrounds himself with faithful brothers in Christ

Galatians 2:1

I Thessalonians 5:11

Proverbs 27:17

b. The Holy Spirit drives his decisions. Galatians 2:2

c. He showed discernment and wisdom. Galatians 2:2

i. Speaking privately at first

ii. Bringing Titus with him

d. He was aware of wolves among the sheep

Galatians 2:4

i. Their presence

ii. Their purpose

e. He "held the line" in the battle for the Gospel

Galatians 2:5

Ephesians 6:10-13

## Galatians 2:1-5

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Paul was sent by the Holy Spirit to bring about confirmation to the entire body of believers that justification before God is by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. By bringing Titus with him, he is able to set forward a clear example that would be remembered beyond just words. If Titus is not compelled to baptism by the counsel, then it must be made clear to all that circumcision, and with it the entire Mosaic Law, does not justify us before God.

I don't think Paul was concerned that the Gospel he preached was incorrect. I think he mentions the in vain part because he is continuing to press the idea that there is only one Gospel, so if he and the Apostles were preaching a different Gospel there was a serious problem.

Moral, Ceremonial, Civil ....Interesting, where would circumcision fall in this way of looking at the law

What do we see about Paul?

- He is led by the Holy Spirit in his travels.....not driven by the demands of men
- He surrounds himself with faithful brothers in the work
- Discretion in discussing things that might be a challenge to less mature Christians
- Wise enough to understand that wolves are among the sheep
  - Purpose of the wolves
    - Bring the church into the bondage of the law (slave to a system of attaining righteousness)
- He stood firm in the battle for the Gospel, refusing to give an inch for any time at all

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What do we see in Paul that we should imitate?

Might have run in vain?