

Bible Study: Galatians 1:18-2:13
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

The book of Galatians was written approximately _____. Which would be approximately how many years after the crucifixion of Christ?

What does the word “gospel” mean?

Are there various “gospels”?

What are 5 critical components of the “gospel” as presented by Paul?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Who were the Judaizers, and what did they do to the gospel message?

Isaiah 64:6 –

“⁶But **we are all like an unclean thing,**

And **all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;**

We all **fade as a leaf,**

And **our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**

What is the basic message of **Romans 6:23 / 3:23**?

The **PROBLEM**: How are we as sinful people to become _____?

The **CURE**:

According to **Rom. 5:8** in what way has God demonstrated His love towards us?

Compare & Contrast Christ paying for our sins as opposed to paying for our own sins.

Let's continue now, picking up with **verse 15** in Galatians 1 –

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who **separated me from my mother's womb** and **called me** through His grace, ¹⁶ **to reveal His Son in me**, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, **I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood**, ¹⁷ **nor did I go up to Jerusalem** to those *who were* apostles before me; **but** I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ **Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter**, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ **But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.**

²⁰ (Now *concerning* the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)

²¹ **Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.** ²² **And I was unknown by face to the churches** of Judea *which were in Christ*. ²³ But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once *tried to destroy*."

²⁴ **And they glorified God** in me.

Where *is* "Arabia" anyway?

What may have taken place when Paul went to Arabia?

Consider also: **Luke 24:13-35**

We continue into chapter two: Galatians 2:1-

Then **fourteen years later** I went back to Jerusalem again, this time **with Barnabas**; and **Titus came along, too.** ² **I went there because God revealed to me that I should go.** While I was there I met **privately with those considered to be leaders of the church** and **shared with them the message I had been preaching to the Gentiles.** I wanted to make sure that we were in agreement, **for fear that all my efforts had been wasted and I was running the race for nothing.** ³ **And they supported me and**

did not even demand that my companion Titus be circumcised, though he was a Gentile.

⁴ **Even THAT question** came up only because of some so-called believers there—*false ones*, really—who were secretly brought in. They sneaked in to spy on us and take away the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. **They wanted to enslave us and force us to follow their Jewish regulations.** ⁵ **But we refused to give in to them** for a single moment. **We wanted to preserve the truth** of the gospel message for you.

What was one example regarding Titus that Paul used to defend his position, the gospel message he presented?

How must we be like Paul?

Picking back up in **v. 6** (NLT) -

⁶ But from **those who seemed to be something**—*whatever they were, it makes no difference to me*; **God shows personal favoritism to no man**—for *those who seemed to be something* added nothing to me. ⁷ But on the contrary, when **they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me**, as *the gospel* for the circumcised *was* to Peter ⁸ (for **He** who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised *also* worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), ⁹ and when **James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars**, perceived the grace that had been given to me, **they gave me and Barnabas** the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles *and they to the circumcised*. ¹⁰ **They desired only that we should remember the poor**, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

V. 11 – 13 –

Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because HE WAS TO BE BLAMED; ¹² *for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.* ¹³ **And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him**, *so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.*

Paul was opposed to:

*How should we live before others? Reference: **Matthew 5:16***

Consider also: **James 1:8**