

PAUL'S DEFENSE FOR THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL Pt. 1

(Galatians 2:1-5)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL

A. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION (1:1-5)

B. The Galatians DESERTION from the True Gospel. (1:6-10)

C. Paul's HISTORICAL DEFENSE of the Divine Origin of the True Gospel (1:11-24)

D. Paul's DEFENSE for the TRUTH of the Gospel at Jerusalem and Antioch (2:1-14)

1. CONFERRING with the Apostles (2:1-3)

* There is an age old debate among scholars with the chronology in v. 1.

Option #1: "14 years after" Paul's conversion in Damascus which took place in 32 AD?

This would correspond with Paul and Barnabas' famine visit, where they brought financial relief to Jerusalem in 46 AD (Acts 11:27-30).

Option #2: "14 years after" Paul's first visit to Jerusalem with Peter in approximately 35 AD?

This would correspond with the famous Jerusalem Council in 49 AD (Acts 15:1-29).

a. Paul's two named associates on this trip were _____ who would also accompany him on his 1st Missionary Journey, and _____ who was a full blooded _____ (v. 1)

b. The Apostle was _____ to Jerusalem by direct _____ and not by the other _____ (v. 2a).

c. Paul _____ to them the same Gospel that he preached among the _____ (v. 2b).

* Why did he discuss these issues privately rather than publically (v. 2c)?

d. The Apostle's traveling associate _____ would be used as the case in point (v. 3).

*What was the final verdict?

* Why did Titus NOT get circumcised in Galatians 2:3, but Timothy did in Acts 16:1-5?

* How can we apply Paul's immovable stand for the purity of the Gospel today?

2. **CONTENDING with false brethren (2:4-5)**

a. False brethren came to the meeting in **SECRECY**, and their purpose was two-fold...

(1) to _____ out our _____ which we have in Christ Jesus,

(2) and that they might _____ us into _____.

* What was Paul referring to?

b. Paul and Barnabas' defense in v. 5 can be viewed three ways...

(1) as to their posture, it was completely _____,

(2) as to their persistence, it was _____,

(3) and as to their purpose, it was to maintain the _____ of the Gospel.

* Has Paul's staunch stand personally taught you anything this morning?