

Galatians 2 Study Guide

Spend some time reading the text, at least twice. Read it aloud once, as if you are Paul talking. You will be surprised how this will help you understand and retain what you are reading.

Go back to chapter 1:12-2:1, draw the time line of events.

Use a simple stick figure for the apostle Paul.  Label what is happening.

- What was he doing to the church of Jesus Christ? Vs.13
- Where was he headed in vs.15-16? (it is not written here, if you don't know read Acts 9:1-2)
- What happens as he is on his journey to Damascus?
- Where does he go from there? Gal.1:17
- Do we know how long he was there? If not simply put a (?)
- Then where does he stay and how long?
- Then where? How long?
- Then where?
- What is the last time frame we see in Gal.2:1?
- Be sure to have your maps out so you can see where these places are.

Do you see the importance of allowing yourself time to grow in your knowledge of Christ before jumping right into a ministry? Paul spent a great many years away with only the Lord to instruct him (Gal.1:16) so that he could be sure that all he spoke was just what Jesus had instructed him. This does not mean we cannot share with others how we came to Christ but we need to grow and mature by spending time in God's word before we jump out and try to lead others. What did Paul say in Gal.1:9 should happen to anyone who taught anything other than this gospel?

1. Who was with Paul as he entered Jerusalem that day? Vs.1,3
2. Who do you suppose would have been the influential men that Paul was referring to in vs.2? Who was influential at this time in the church of Jesus Christ?
3. Paul is not seriously thinking his work to have been in vain. He is saying if the church ended up divided, half Greek-half Jew he would regard it as in vain because it would be contrary to God's plan. What are the requirements of the gospel for salvation?
Read Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: **9** That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
4. What unusual understanding did those that were there show Titus? Vs.3
5. Read verses 4-7 summarize what you believe Paul is teaching here.
6. Does God have favorites? Are there any who are more important than another? Do you believe God loves your pastor more than the man directing traffic in the parking lot or the nursery worker caring for the babies, or you? According to Acts 10:34-35 what is God interested in?

7. The leaders of the Jerusalem church saw that Paul and Barnabas were being used by God to share the gospel with the _____. Who had the disciples been called to share the gospel with? _____ God had given each of them a different ministry. They encouraged them by giving them the right hand of fellowship, a warm handshake I suppose. We can be called to different ministries by God and still be loving friends.
8. Why do you suppose they would ask them to remember the poor? What difficulties do you suppose these Believers faced in a city like Jerusalem? Do you think the Gentile believers in other areas would face the same shunning or discrimination that the new believers in Jerusalem faced? Why? Or why not? Remember there are two Antiochs, this is the one in Syria, and it was Paul's home base for most of his ministry. What was it that upset Paul to compel him to speak so boldly to Peter (Cephas)? Vs.12-14
9. How did Paul correctly handle this situation? How could he have handled it incorrectly, had he not had the courage to speak directly to Peter? How are we to work together for the furtherance of the gospel? **1 Cor. 1:10** *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*
10. Compare Galatians 2:15-21 and Romans 3:20-24, what is the outstanding truth of these two sections of scripture? How does knowing this help us in our walk of faith? **Romans 3:20-24** *Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. 21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*
11. You might consider memorizing Gal.2:20. How does focusing on this verse strengthen your walk of faith?
12. Verse 21 points to Christ and Christ alone for our righteousness. If we add anything to grace what happens? Write out a definition of grace.