

EBC Women's Study

Lesson 8 Galatians 2:1-10

As you read through Galatians and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully **read through Galatians at least twice.**

Attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text only. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

Questions:

- 1) **Review:** "Briefly" summarize what you have learned so from the following and how might what was said relate to the point the apostle Paul is making in Galatians?
 - a) 1:1-5
 - b) 1:6-12
 - c) 1:13-17
 - d) 1:18-24
- 2) **Review:** Looking at Ch 1:20, why does Paul say this and how does it relate to what Paul has been defending already?
- 3) **Review:** What were the churches of Judea hearing in 1:23? What was Paul preaching and what was the result in 1:24? Are you allowing God's Word to work in you thus is your speech and life everyday actions bringing glory to God?
- 4) Chapter 2 begins with "Then". What was Paul talking of before 2:1 and what is he talking of in 2:1? How does this fit into the argument he is making?
- 5) Looking at 2:1 how many years has it been and where does Paul go again? Who is with him? Consider the last time Paul mentions Jerusalem in 1:18, how is this different from the first time he went (since his conversion)?
- 6) Who is the "them" in 2:2a (See 2:2b, 6-9)? Why did Paul go up to Jerusalem again (see 2:2) and what did he do?
- 7) What does Paul led by the Lord submit to them, why would he use the word "submit"? (Again, think about the "them") Considering Paul's description of "them" in 2:2b, 6-9 what was Paul concerned about (2:2b)? Explain
- 8) Paul starts 2:3 with a "But". What is being contrasted and what is the implication?
- 9) Looking at vs. 4, who does Paul say snuck in, what are they trying to do and what is the destructive result? How did Paul and his companions respond and why (5)?

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- 10) Note 2:6 starts with a "But". In contrast to false brethren in 2:5 talks about he speaks of "those of high reputation..." Who is Paul referring to here? (see vs 7-9)?

- 11) From the following make observations, especially about Paul's view (except Acts and John) and thus God's view of those persons men (and women) elevate religiously whether good or bad:
 - a) Acts 5:36 (Note: this is a nonbeliever speaking, but we can observe how he describes Theudas)
 - b) 1Cor. 3:3-7 (especially 7)
 - c) 1Cor 3:18-21
 - d) 2Cor. 12:11
 - e) 2Cor. 3:5
 - f) John 15:1-5
 - g) Gal. 2:6
 - h) Gal. 6:3-4

- 12) How does Paul's view of "them" relate to his argument that started in Ch. 1? What do you think is Paul's purpose in sharing to these Galatians?

- 13) Do you elevate men in your hearts religiously? (Note: I'm not speaking of godly esteem and appreciation for those who in charge and diligently labor among you doing His work (cf. 1Thes. 5:12-13). How might elevation of man religiously (good or bad) put us at risk spiritually?

- 14) In context, what is Paul saying in the end of 2:6? How does he contrast that in 2:7?

- 15) What had Paul been entrusted with and to whom? Who does he compare himself with in vs 7-8. Think of other passages too.

- 16) Looking at vs 9, who recognized that the grace given to Paul and what was that for? How are they described and what did they give Paul and Barnabas and why?

- 17) Again, who is ministering to the Gentiles and who is ministering to the Jews (vs 9)? How is this significant and why do you think this is mentioned here?

- 18) Looking at vs 10, whom are they to remember, and why do you think they were told this? (See 1Cor 16:1-3 also)