

# Paul and the Galatians

- First Missionary Trip
  - Introduction of Gospel
  - Christian Freedom
- Judaizers
  - Came after Paul
  - Preached Jesus + Works
    - Circumcision for Gentiles
    - Old Testament Regulations
  - Paul not a true Apostle
  - His message incomplete



# Paul Defends His Gospel

Galatians 2: 1-2

1 Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. 2 I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain.



# **Paul in Jerusalem**

- **Barnabas**
  - Pastor in Antioch, Syria
  - Introduced Paul to Apostles in Jerusalem
  - Joined Paul on his first missionary journey
- **Return to Jerusalem**
  - 14 years later
  - Told by Lord to go



# Paul in Jerusalem

- **Paul's Meeting**
  - Church Leaders
  - Gospel he preached to the Gentiles
  - “Setting before them”
- **Why Explain Gospel**
  - “Fear I was running race in vain.”
  - Did Apostles support his message?



# Apostles' Response to Paul

## Galatians 2:3-5

3 Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. 4 This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. 5 We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.



# Apostles' Response to Paul

- **Titus**
  - A Greek, a gentile, uncircumcised
  - Apostles do not demand circumcision of Titus
  - Apostles don't teach what Judaizers do
- **Judaizers**
  - False brothers & spies
  - Slaves to the Law
- **Apostles Support Gospel**
- **Acts 15:5, 10, 11**



# Acts 15: 5-11

5 Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses."

6 The apostles and elders met to consider this question. 7 After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. 9 He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. 10 Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? 11 No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

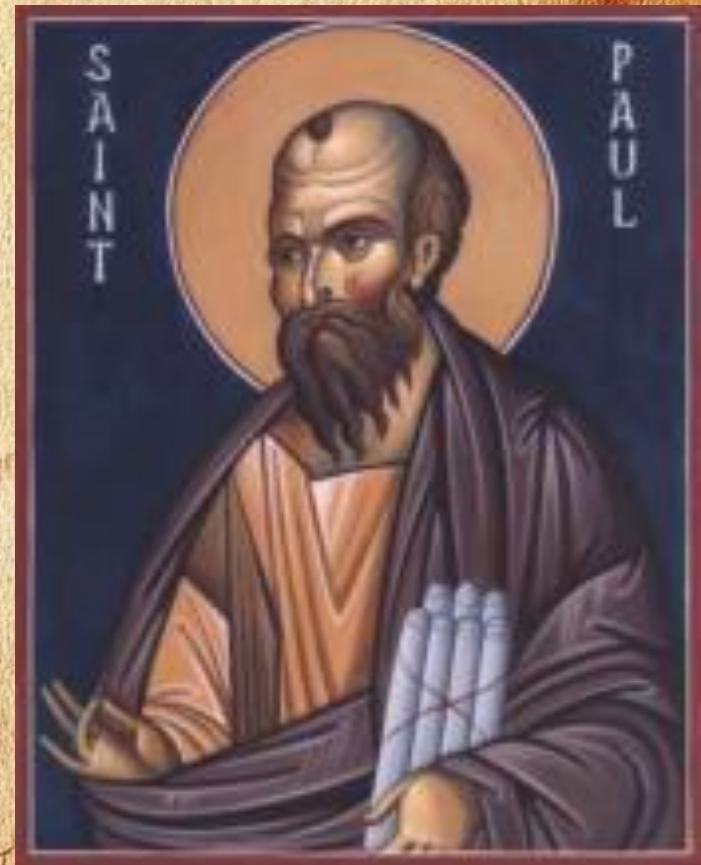
# Paul's Gospel Ministry

Galatians 2:6-8

**6 As for those who seemed to be important—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not judge by external appearance—those men added nothing to my message. 7 On the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles,<sup>[a]</sup> just as Peter had been to the Jews.<sup>[b]</sup> 8 For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles.**

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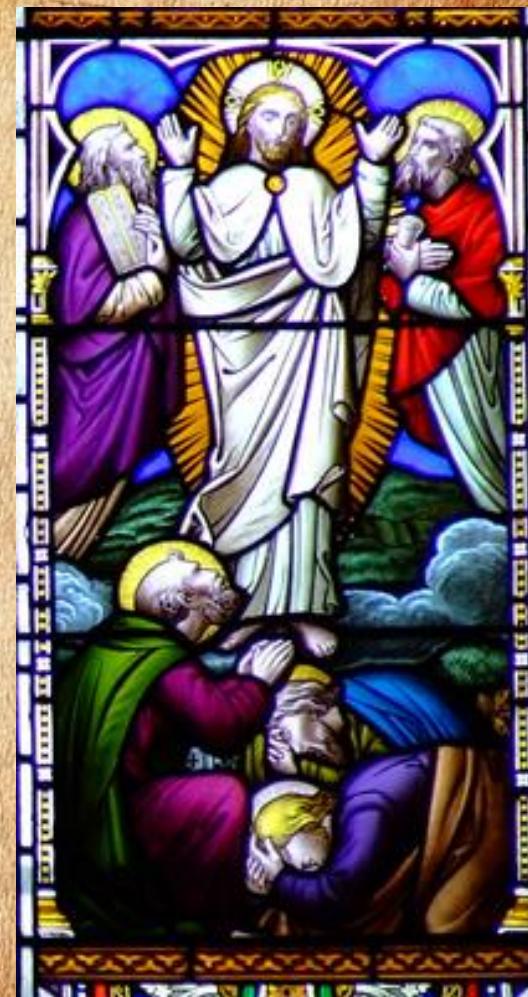
- “Who Seemed to be Important”
  - Apostles
  - Worldly views of men
  - Not person – message
- Apostles’ Reaction
  - “Added nothing”
  - Stamp of approval
  - Gospel for Jews and Gentiles



# Right Hand of Fellowship

Galatians 2:9-10

9James, Peter<sup>[a]</sup> and John,  
those reputed to be pillars,  
gave me and Barnabas the  
right hand of fellowship when  
they recognized the grace  
given to me. They agreed that  
we should go to the Gentiles,  
and they to the Jews. 10All  
they asked was that we should  
continue to remember the  
poor, the very thing I was  
eager to do.



# Application

- **Dangers of False Teachers Today**
  - Compare message to God's revealed Word
  - Know the Word
- **Bereans**
  - Acts 17:10-11
  - Examined the Scriptures
- **Salvation by Grace**

