

The Gospel Is Worth Fighting For

Key principles taught in Galatians chapter 2:

1. The gospel is worth fighting for; it is _____ and _____.
2. God is completely _____ with the work of Jesus Christ. Therefore, there is no more work to _____.
3. As a believer in Christ, you do not need _____ to relate to God; you are free.
4. God has designed that those who are saved freely by grace through _____ should do _____, but those good works do not improve a believer's standing before God.

A. One battle for the gospel at Jerusalem (2:1-10)

- 1) Paul, Barnabas, and Titus travel to _____. (2:1)
- 2) The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the _____ of the church to discuss the gospel which they had preached among the Gentiles. (2:2)
 - * God _____ that Paul should go.
 - * The purpose of the meeting was to _____ the reputation of their ministry among the Gentiles.
- 3) The Gentile was not _____ to be circumcised. (2:3)
 - * This is significant because circumcision was a confirmatory step in becoming a Jewish proselyte. So, the _____ of Titus demonstrates that becoming a believer in Christ is not the same as becoming a Jew.
- 4) The _____ for both sides of the fight are revealed. (2:4-5)
 - * The _____ of the gospel were trying to bring the believers into bondage.
 - * The _____ of the gospel wanted the truth of the gospel to always remain with the churches.
- 5) The church leaders in Jerusalem confirmed that Paul was a _____ with the same gospel message. (2:6-10)
 - * They also reminded Paul to remember good works toward the _____.

B. One battle for the gospel at Antioch (2:11-21)

- 1) Peter's _____ injured the cause of the gospel. (2:11-13)
- 2) Paul rebuked Peter for _____ people concerning the truth of the gospel. (2:14)
- 3) Paul argues that believers in Christ have no need to follow the _____. (2:15-21)
 - a. The Jews are justified just like the Gentiles - through _____ in Christ and not through the _____ of the law. (2:15-16)
 - b. If it is sinful to break the law of Moses, then Christ _____ people to sin. And that is ridiculous! (2:17)
 - c. If we have allowed for Gentiles and Jews to be united in the body of Christ, and then changed our minds and separate ourselves from Gentiles again, then we must have made a major _____ before. (2:18)
 - d. In fact, no longer trying to please God through law-keeping has made us _____ to live for God. (2:19)
 - e. Now, with _____ living in me, I have no need for the "help" of the law in order to live well. (2:20)
 - f. If you think that any amount of law-keeping can make you righteous before God, why did Christ even _____ for you? No - I will not accept that. I will not set aside the _____ of God (2:21)

Doctrine Summaries:

Justification is the _____ of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in Jesus Christ on the basis of grace. (Compare with Galatians 2:16)

Progressive Sanctification is the _____ in the believer's life whereby God makes the one who has been identified with Jesus Christ to be filled with more and more righteousness as they trust their Savior. (Compare with Galatians 2:20)

C. Where do you fit into this fight?

- 1) _____ God for battles won in the past.
- 2) _____ the battle in your own mind.
- 3) _____ when the truth of the gospel has been compromised.