



# EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS



## ▶ Galatians Chapter 1 – *Recap*

- ▶ If anyone preaches a different gospel, let him be accursed – 1:8-9
- ▶ The gospel that Paul preached was not received from man but by way of a revelation through Jesus Christ – 1:12
- ▶ Christ appeared to Paul to make him a witness of His resurrection. This validates his apostleship – 1:15-16

## ▶ Galatians Chapter 2 – *Recap from last week...*

- ▶ Paul went to Jerusalem to discuss the law of circumcision with the apostles and elders – 2:1-10
- ▶ Paul did not submit to the doctrinal error of circumcision but preached the truth – 2:5
- ▶ James, Cephas and John extended the right hand of fellowship to Paul and Barnabas – 2:7-9

▶ Galatians 2:7-10 – *Paul's visit to Jerusalem regarding circumcision*

- ▶ It was signs and wonders that proved to the other apostles that Paul was also an apostle sent from Christ by the will of God and spoke the truth concerning the gospel of Christ – Acts 15:4,12; Gal 1:15-16,2:7-9
- ▶ It was only then that the apostles gave the right hand of fellowship to Paul and Barnabas
  - ▶ Once they realized that they were preaching the truth, they were then united with them in the gospel of Christ
  - ▶ Test the spirits, check their fruits, searched the scriptures

▶ Galatians 2:11-13 – *Paul's apostolic authority is manifested in rebuking Peter*

- ▶ I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned
  - ▶ Who was Paul to stand up to Peter like this?
- ▶ Peter was carried away by hypocrisy
  - ▶ He would eat with the Gentiles but when the Jews showed up, he withdrew himself from the Gentiles because of fear
  - ▶ Even the rest of the Jews joined in Peter's hypocrisy
  - ▶ Barnabas too

- ▶ Galatians 2:14-16 – *We are not justified by the Law of Moses, but by faith*
  - ▶ They were not straightforward about the truth
    - ▶ Some say, Stand for the truth, only when it's the popular thing to do
  - ▶ Inconsistency and Hypocrisy
    - ▶ Peter taught the first Gentile converts and ate with them – Acts 11:2-3
    - ▶ Now by example, he is insisting that Gentiles live like Jews
    - ▶ By example, Peter was binding the Law of Moses
  - ▶ A man is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Christ Jesus – Acts 13:38-39