

Partners

Galatians 2:1-6

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Introduction

- “Grason-Hollingsworth Productions”
- Paul’s claims of independence from the Jerusalem apostle.
 - Apostleship received directly from Jesus
 - Message received through revelation of Christ
- Paul’s life story backs up his claims.
- Chapter 1—Paul’s independence; Chapter 2—His interdependence.

Partners: Content of Message—Galatians 2:1-6

A. Background Considerations

1. According to Acts, Paul makes five post-conversion trips to Jerusalem.
2. Did the meeting in Galatians 2 take place during the “famine relief” trip of Acts 11, or was it a private meeting prior to the public Jerusalem Council of Acts 15?

B. Paul’s Meeting with the “Pillars”

1. Time: *“Fourteen years after”*—After what? Last trip or conversion?
2. Prompting: Went up by “revelation”—Acts 11:27
3. Travel Companions
 - a. Barnabas—A Levite and fellow missionary with Paul
 - b. Titus—a Greek (Gentile) and trusted helper of Paul
4. Purpose: *“To communicate to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles...lest by any means I might run in vain.”*
 - a. *“communicate”* — *“to lay out for consideration”* to see if they are on the *“same page”*
 - b. Concern: undercut his ministry
5. Question: Would the apostles side with the legalists or with Paul?
6. Answer: Galatians 2:3-6
 - a. Pressure on Paul to circumcise Titus—Galatians 2:4-5
 - 1) Pressure comes from “false brethren” who had infiltrated the church.—2 Peter 2:1
 - 2) Purpose: to undermine liberty, bring into bondage
 - a) We are now “free in Christ”—Rom. 7:6; Gal. 5:13
 - b) Legalists hate freedom!
 - b. Apostles refused to compel Titus to be circumcised, thus siding with Paul.
 - c. Paul stood for *“the truth of the gospel”*—refused to compromise.
 - d. The “Pillars” agreed—Galatians 2:6