INTRODUCTION:

1. PAUL, BARNABAS, AND TITUS MADE A CRUCIAL VISIT TO JERUSALEM (GAL 2:1-2).

a. Fourteen years after his conversion, Paul visited Jerusalem again (2:1).

b. Paul privately set forth his gospel to the recognized leaders in Jerusalem (2:2).

2. A VITAL ASPECT OF TRUE GOSPEL LIBERTY WAS ESTABLISHED IN TITUS (GAL 2:3-5).

a. Titus the Greek was not compelled to be circumcised (2:3).

(1) Why was circumcision such a controversial issue?

(2) Why was it so important that Titus was not circumcised?

- b. False brethren came in secretly to spy out Paul, Barnabas, and Titus' liberty in Christ to enslave them in Jewish regulations (2:4).
- c. Paul refused to submit to the false brothers for one moment for the freedom of the Galatians (2:5).
- **3.** Applications:
 - (1) *True freedom is found only the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel of grace.*
 - (2) Let us test the claims of all teachers and preachers by the standard of the gospel of God's free grace in Christ.
 - (3) Adding anything to the gospel destroys the true freedom believers have in Christ and reduces the faith to bondage.

CONCLUSION: