

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

**Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians**

**Lesson 9. The Right Hand of Fellowship – Gal. 2:6-10**

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- I. Partiality – vs. 6
  - A. There is No Partiality with God – Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11 (see also Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; 10:17; James 2:17)
  - B. There is to be No Partiality with You – James 2:1-13; 1 Peter 1:13-21
  - C. Your Role Does Not Determine Your Worth – Gal. 2:9
    - 1. Paul see himself as the chief of sinners – 1 Tim. 1:15
    - 2. Paul sees himself as the least of the apostles – 1 Cor. 15:9
    - 3. We are all equal under grace – 2 Cor. 11:5
- II. Preaching – vs. 7-8
  - A. Paul was Affirmed to be Preaching the True Gospel
  - B. Paul was Sent to take the Message to Areas of Harshes Attack by Judaizers - Acts 15:22-24
  - C. The Same Holy Spirit Worked to Produce Results in Paul and Peter – Acts 21:17-20
  - D. Gospel for the Circumcised and Uncircumcised – for = to – not 2 gospels – Gal. 1:6-9
- III. Partnership – vs. 9
  - A. Grace – only God’s free, sovereign grace can account for the results of Paul’s ministry
  - B. Pillars – James, Peter, and John were esteemed, yet equal with Paul
  - C. Fellowship = Gospel Harmony + Personal Harmony
- IV. The Poor – vs. 10
  - A. Remember the Poor in Jerusalem
    - 1. Rapid growth – Acts 2:41
    - 2. Famine – Acts 11:28
    - 3. Community – Acts 2:45
  - B. Paul’s Response – Rom. 15:17; Acts 11:29-30; 24:17; Rom. 15:25-27; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-6; 9:1-5, 12

## **Cross References**

### **Acts 10:34**

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

### **Romans 2:11**

11 For there is no partiality with God.

### **Leviticus 19:15**

15 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

### **Deuteronomy 1:17**

17 You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.'

### **Deuteronomy 10:17**

17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

### **James 2:17**

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

### **James 2:1-13**

2 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? 7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

## **1 Peter 1:13-21**

13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.” 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## **Galatians 2:9**

9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

## **1 Timothy 1:15**

15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

## **1 Corinthians 15:9**

9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

## **2 Corinthians 11:5**

5 For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles.

## **Acts 15:22-24**

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren. 23 They wrote this letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings. 24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, “You must be circumcised and keep the law”—to whom we gave no such commandment—

## **Acts 21:17-20**

17 And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law;

### **Galatians 1:6-9**

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

### **Acts 2:41**

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

### **Acts 11:28**

28 Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.

### **Acts 2:45**

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

### **Romans 15:17**

17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.

### **Acts 11:29-30**

29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. 30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

### **Acts 24:17**

17 "Now after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation,

### **Romans 15:25-27**

25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. 26 For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. 27 It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

### **1 Corinthians 16:1-4**

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. 3 And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. 4 But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

## **2 Corinthians 8:1-6**

8 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

## **2 Corinthians 9:1-5**

9 Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; 2 for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. 3 Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; 4 lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

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