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Lesson #13 Paul has been Called to be a Light to the Gentiles

Scripture: Galatians 2:1 – 21

Emphasis: Galatians 2:9b

“They gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.”

Subject: “The Council instructs Paul and Barnabas to go unto the heathen”

Background: The Letter to the Galatians was probably Paul’s first or earliest Epistles written to a local congregation or congregations that were established during Barnabas and Paul’s first Missionary Journey. Paul confidently declares his Legitimacy as an Apostle (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead) The Apostle Paul refutes the Judaizers who taught the Gentile Believers that they must obey the Jewish Law in order to be saved and to instruct the Christians to Faith and Freedom in Christ Jesus. The Judaizers not only taught strict observance the Jewish Law, but also insisting that the Gentile Christians must be Circumcised. Paul declares that the Gospel that was first Preached to the Galatians was Pure and Authentic and there is no other Gospel. Paul writes that the Gospel is Greater than Legalism and certainly there is Freedom in the Gospel of Christ.

Introduction: In this 13th Lesson of the Epistle from Paul to the Galatians, we start our study in Galatians Chapter 1. There are Four Major Topics: 1). Paul declares his legitimacy as an Apostle 2). Jesus Gave Himself for us to be Delivered from our sins 3). There is no Other Gospel except what has Preached with Truth 4). Paul was Called to be a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not by man, but God and Separated until he Understood for himself

Lesson Topic #1 Galatians 2:1 – 6

“Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also. 2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain. 3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: 4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:”

- Not Bending and certainly not Breaking
 - Fact #1 Opposition even in the Church is Real!
 - God has called all of us into the Ministry of Witnessing the Gospel to the Lost, but His Calling does not mean an easy path
 - Jesus Himself warned us that Life comes with plenty of Opposition
 - Jesus Himself ran into Opposition and is the Son of God
 - Jesus Healed on the Sabath, Forgave Sinners and was Accused of being the son of the devil
 - Opposition may at times confirm that you are being effective
 - Fact #2 Stick to the Facts of the Gospel
 - The Gospel teaches us that we are Saved by our Faith only and not by our works, not what we wear or don't wear, not by what we do to our bodies or don't do, not by what we eat or don't eat
 - Salvation comes as a free gift of God to those who believe in the Son
 - Remission of our sins comes only from the Blood Shed on Calvary
 - Fact #3 God has no Respect for Person
 - To the Believer, Opposition is only a Distraction from the work
 - God is not impressed with your Title, Education, Wealth or Status
 - In order to come to God, must come in Spirit and in Truth
 - Give no Audience to a Fool for no weapon formed against me shall Prosper

Lesson Topic #2 Galatians 2:7 – 13

“But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; 8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same

was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) 9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision. 10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do. 11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. 12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. 13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.”

- The Right Hand of Fellowship to do the Work
 - Realities #1 When you are told to Keep of the Good Work
 - Paul and Barnabas had Evidence that the Gospel was Spreading, but also to a people that were unlikely to receive Salvation *the Gentiles
 - Peter had experienced success with Witnessing to the Gentiles
 - The Early Church was growing and Increasing in Souls won for Christ, but this is not what was expected because it included Gentiles
 - Realities #2 The Danger of Compromise
 - Leaders set the tone or the Attitude of their Organizations
 - Attitude is a Reflection of Leadership, if you Compromise your Faith to gain Favor with a Group, so will those who follow you
 - Negotiations, Compromising, Give and Take are effective ways to move Agendas forward, but with the Gospel – Stick to your Faith
 - Realities #3 Be Careful of Leading others astray
 - Being a Leader is an awesome responsibility and you and your actions are being watched. What you do and don't do speaks of your Character and people will mimic or follow your example
 - Peer pressure is very effective in leading people to do something that they normally would not do on their own except in getting Saved

Lesson Topic #3 Galations 2:14 – 21

“But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of

the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

- Holding A Mentor Accountable
 - Truths #1 The Truth is Not Blind
 - Paul calls the Judaizers “Not Walking Upright”
 - When the Truth calls for it, God will give you the Boldness needed to not only Identify the Wrong, but will Confirm what is Right
 - Truths #2 We Need to Have a Conversation
 - Some Conversations need to be had in Public
 - Being Diplomatic helps, but the Truth has to be told
 - Holding Someone Accountable for their Actions is Necessary for Truth to Prevail
 - The Only Reason that Evil Keeps Advancing is that the True Believers of Christ won’t Stand Say UP and Confront Evil PEOPLE
 - Truths #3 Being Dead to the Law
 - Being Dead to the Law, allows Christ to Live in YOU!
 - Having Faith in God and His Son, allows us to live in Grace
 - You can’t mingle with Law and Tradition as means to Salvation, it is His Mercy and His Grace that Saved us with the Blood of Christ

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Conclusion: Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God’s **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray

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