

The Salvation Equation-Galatians 2:1-10

Introduction:

In our text, Paul gives us the behind the scenes activity that really determined how the Jerusalem Council turned out. What took place at that Council was very, very, important. Your life is directly affected by the decision of that Jerusalem Council.

Galatians 2:1-10 English Standard Version-Paul Accepted by the Apostles

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. 4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in – who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery – 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. 6 And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality) – those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. 7 On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised 8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), 9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the

Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Here was the great issue of the first council meeting:

WHAT DOES A PERSON HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO BE SAVED?

What I want us to do this morning is to journey with Paul behind the scenes into this meeting and see exactly what took place. There are several features of this council meeting which Paul shares with us.

I. PAUL'S D_____ PRESENTATION

Paul makes a presentation of the essential ingredients of the gospel.

Paul sets forth his message p_____

Paul sets for his message p_____

II. PAUL'S C_____ CONFRONTATION

Paul told them that the message, which they preach, is not a message of liberty; it is a message of slavery. Any message which tells people they have to do something themselves in order to be saved is not a message of liberty. It is a message of bondage.

You and I are saved by the finished work of Christ!

Here is the Salvation Equation: Jesus + nothing =salvation

III. Paul's P_____ Vindication

Paul is saying that there were not two gospels, but that there were two areas of ministry. God calls different people to different ministries. God calls churches to different types of ministries.

Here is the message for First Baptist (both locations): He wants us to join hands, we are on the Grace Team together. Let us share the message of LOVE FIRST!

1 John 4:19 ESV 19 We love because he first loved us