

**“ONE GOSPEL ONE MISSION - DIVIDE AND CONQUER”**

~ Galatians 2:1-10

**ONE GOSPEL**

***The Gospel [Good News] is the STORY about Jesus [life, death, resurrection & ascension], who SAVES and REDEEMS people from their sin and gives them a new opportunity for a transformed LIFE that PLEASES God.***

*<sup>1</sup>Then fourteen years later I went back to Jerusalem again, this time with Barnabas; and Titus came along, too. <sup>2</sup>I went there because God revealed to me that I should go. While I was there I met privately with those considered to be leaders of the church and shared with them the message I had been preaching to the Gentiles. I wanted to make sure that we were in agreement, for fear that all my efforts had been wasted and I was running the race for nothing. <sup>3</sup>And they supported me and did not even demand that my companion Titus be circumcised, though he was a Gentile.*

*<sup>4</sup>Even that question came up only because of some so-called believers there—false ones, really—who were secretly brought in. They sneaked in to spy on us and take away the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. They wanted to enslave us and force us to follow their Jewish regulations. <sup>5</sup>But we refused to give in to them for a single moment. We wanted to preserve the truth of the gospel message for you. ~ Galatians 2:1-5*

**Paul shared his message with the church leaders:**

- Because He was **LED** by God (v. 2)
- To address the **OPPOSITION** (vv. 2-3)
- Who presented a **DIFFERENT** gospel (v. 4-5)

*I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ. ~ Galatians 1:6-7*

**ONE MISSION**

*<sup>6</sup>And the leaders of the church had nothing to add to what I was preaching. (By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favorites.) <sup>7</sup>Instead, they saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews. <sup>8</sup>For the same God who worked through Peter as the apostle to the Jews also worked through me as the apostle to the Gentiles.*

*<sup>9</sup>In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews. <sup>10</sup>Their only suggestion was that we keep on helping the poor, which I have always been eager to do. ~ Galatians 2:6-10*

**The church leaders:**

- **AFFIRMED** Paul's message (v. 6)
- **CONFIRMED** Paul's calling (v. 7)
- **ENCOURAGED** Paul's work (vv. 6-7)

*“Even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace...so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles.” ~ Galatians 1:15-16*

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- We have separate **CALLINGS**
- We have different **GIFTS**
- We have varied **CULTURES**
- We have one **CULTURES**

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ~ Acts 1:8*