

Paul's Gospel Is Put to the Test

Galatians 2:1-5

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Rough Timeline of Paul's Early Service to the Lord:

- 34 AD** - Jesus appears to Paul and reveals He is the Messiah
 - Blinded, Paul goes to Damascus, where he is healed.
 - Paul heads to Arabia, where he preaches + studies the gospel
- 37 AD** - **Paul visits Jerusalem for 15 days**, meets Peter and James.
 - Paul returns to Cilicia and Syria to continue preaching/teaching
- 46 AD** - Barnabas finds Paul in Tarsus and brings him to Syrian Antioch, where they teach the brothers there for a year.
- 47 AD** - Agabus prophecies there will be a famine in Jerusalem. The churches gather aid and **send Paul and Barnabas to deliver it to the churches in Jerusalem.**
 - As they deliver the aid, Paul takes Barnabas and Titus and meets with some of the apostles to verify the gospel of grace that he is preaching is valid and challenge the necessity of circumcision.
 - From 47 AD into 48 AD, Paul takes Barnabas and John Mark on his first mission journey through the region of Galatia.
- 49 AD** - The Galatians letter is likely written shortly before the Jerusalem council of Acts 15.
 - **Paul attends the Jerusalem council of Acts 15**, where it is ruled that converts need not be circumcised or adhere to the Mosaic Law to be saved.
 - Paul and Silas set out on the second mission journey, which will carry into 53 AD.

We learn in Galatians 2:2 that Paul was prompted to go to Jerusalem because of a revelation from God. That revelation came to a man named _____, and it concerned a famine that would soon come to Jerusalem.

What was significant about the two men that Paul chose to bring with him on his second visit to Jerusalem?

BARNABUS _____

TITUS _____

In visiting the apostles in Jerusalem, an important question would be answered: Is the gospel that Paul was preaching the **same** gospel that the other established apostles were teaching?

There was much at stake in this visit:

Paul's _____ up to that point was at stake!

The spiritual _____ of ever believer was at stake!
(see John 8:34, 14:6, 8:31-32)

NOTE: False gospels produce false _____

Paul, Barnabas, and Titus refused to yield an inch when it came to that important, essential truth:

Anyone who desires a redeemed relationship with God will only attain it by the work of Jesus Christ, and never by their own obedience or devotion.

We cannot be content to simply share the gospel or even to preach it. The gospel has to be _____.