

Galatians 1:12-2:5 | Lie Not

1. That I may preach him among the heathen • Galatians 1:12-20

- a. Paul formerly was persecuting the church of God. (Gal 1:13)
- b. Were there those in Christ before Paul? Yes. (Rom 16:7)
- c. Were there those who taught Jesus Christ before Paul? Yes, clearly. (Acts 2:22, 38)
- d. Paul was saved in Acts chapter 9 on the road to Damascus.
 - i. Paul was called by God's grace, separated from his mother's womb. (Gal 1:15)
 - ii. Paul was given and taught a gospel by the revelation of Jesus Christ whom Paul was the last to see. (Gal 1:12)
 - iii. Paul learns about Christ in him, for the purpose of communicating to the heathen. (Gal 1:16)
 - iv. Paul spoke to no others to learn or grow in this information. He went to Arabia, then returned to Damascus. (Gal 1:17)
 - v. Three years later he saw Peter for 15 days. He did not see other apostles.
- e. "I lie not." Paul's testimony is clearly being questioned. It is for our benefit we have multiple records of his testimony to confirm Jesus Christ did appear to him and give him revelations.

2. They had heard • Galatians 1:21-23

- a. Churches in Judaea? Yes. The remnant of Israel was the church of God.
 - i. Church = "assembly". Multiple churches mentioned in scripture.
 - ii. The church in the wilderness is an example (Acts 7:38)
- b. The faith Paul once destroyed? (Acts 9:20)
 - i. Was Jesus before preached that He is the Son of God? Yes. (Acts 8:37)
 - ii. Was Jesus before preached that He was crucified, buried, and risen? Yes. (Acts 2:23-4, 32)
 - iii. Was Jesus Christ before preached according to the revelation of the mystery? No. (Eph 3:3)
- c. Paul does not claim other apostles nor the scriptures were wrong. His message is of God working another way today. A change of dispensations according to revelation given to the apostle Paul. (Eph 3:1-4)
- d. Salvation is not through Israel, the law, nor covenants. Christ is now known as the head of the body, a new creation. (2 Cor 5:16-17)

3. Glory to God • Galatians 1:24

- a. God's purpose is that all be in Christ. (Ephesians 1:10)
- b. But how do we get "in Christ"?
 - i. By New Covenant: Branches that can be broken off, Christ as vine (Jn 15:4-6)
 - ii. By New Creature: Members of Christ's body not to be broken off, Christ as head (1 Cor 12:27)
- c. Context is everything. Similarities don't mean something is the same.

- d. Paul was the last to see Christ. (1 Cor 15:8)
- e. Glory to **God** (not Paul). It's all about what God did. (Gal 1:5, 24)

4. False brethren and bondage • Galatians 2:1-5

- a. Fourteen years later... Paul has been doing ministry among the heathen.
- b. Big contention: Paul does not want himself, Titus, and all members of the body to run in vain. (Gal 2:2, Acts 15:1-2)
- c. Paul went by revelation. The Lord had said he'd continue to reveal. (Acts 22:10, Acts 26:16)
- d. Bondage vs Liberty. The truth of the gospel brings liberty. Those seeking to bring into bondage are seeking to rob you of riches you have in Christ Jesus. (Col 2:2-4, 8-10)
- e. Give them no place, let God be true. They will desire to be your teachers and put you in bondage so that you cannot serve God. Stay in the truth of the gospel. (Col 1:5, Gal 2:14, 2 Tim 4:2)
- f. Purge the leaven. (1 Cor 5:6-7, Gal 5:7-9)