

# Reflection Questions

## Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

Since Paul preached to the uncircumcised and Peter to the circumcised, was there message the same?

## Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

Why do the Apostles add the statement about remembering the poor?

## Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

What is an example where we place more authority on someone than we do on the Scriptures?

## Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):

Since we are not Apostles, how can we know if a message is Biblical?

# Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

## Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Ephesians 2:1-10

Song #223 ~ Amazing Grace

Prayer

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 17:1-19

Song #48 ~ O God, My Joy

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 18:1-34

Prayer

Sermon ~ Galatians 2:6-10

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #214 ~ Jesus, Thank You

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Pastor Dan Benitez ~ 813-751-4305

[www.CalvaryBaptistTampa.com](http://www.CalvaryBaptistTampa.com)

## Text: Galatians 2:6-10

**Theme:** Justification is by faith apart from the works of the Law.

**Introduction:** Why does Paul include all this biographical information? He was likely being accused by those who were distorting the Gospel (1:7) that his message was not the same as the other Apostles. Unfortunately, these distorters were causing some of the other Galatian believers to accept a Law based Gospel (1:8; 5:2-4).

- I) Stop placing authority on man's words (6-10).
  - A. Stop placing authority on man's words because God does not make a distinction (6).
    1. Even though Paul was meeting with the "pillars" he didn't view them any differently (6). Was Paul wrong for not making a distinction, even though these pillars were Apostles? No, in fact, God does not make distinctions (6).
    2. The closest parallel in our day is how some people treat the church confessional statements. Like the Apostles in Paul's day, the church confessions are like pillars. But we have gone too far when we place as much weight on the confessions as we do on the Scriptures.
    3. We make distinctions based on the speaking ability of the preacher. Certainly, it is easier to listen to a dynamic speaker, but we should remember that Paul was not a gifted orator. In fact, his preaching was not with persuasive words, but instead it was a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit so that their faith would rest on God and not man (2 Cor. 2:1-5).
  - B. Even though the distorters in Galatia rejected Paul's message, his message was authentic (7-9).
    1. We often place authority on people who end up being completely wrong. In Galatia, these distorters were wrong. Yet, they led many astray.
    2. In contrast, Peter, James, and John recognized that God had entrusted Paul with the Gospel (7) and given him grace to preach to the Gentiles (9). In fact, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Paul (9).
    3. Specifically, the Apostles recognized that God had granted Paul unique gifting to preach the Gospel to the nations, while God had called them to preach to the Israelites.
- II) An authentic message ought to be marked by an authentic life (10).
  - A. After the Apostles approved Paul's message, they encouraged him to serve the poor which he was eager to do (10).
    1. Why do the Apostles mention helping the poor? It seems almost tacked on to the topic. But remember, it is James who records that true religion is to help the widows and orphans (James 1:27). Not only were the orphans and the widows poor, but they also had no means to help in return.
    2. We ought to be careful to live out the Gospel, as well as preach the Gospel to our neighbors. Let's not let our actions negate the message. This is especially true for us as parents.