

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Galatians 2:1-10--September 7th, 2023

Sermon Recap:

Gospel Traits

I. The Oneness of the Gospel

- Paul returns to Jerusalem because of a revelation from the Lord. This is further proof that he is not following the instruction of any man, but is a servant of Christ.
- In Jerusalem, Paul presents the gospel to the whole church, and in private converses with the apostles.
- “Had not run in vain” -Paul wanted to ensure that the message and mission of the apostles were in agreement with his.

a. The Gospel is Unified

- Though, having not learned the gospel from the apostles, it was found that Paul was preaching the same gospel as Peter, James, and John.
- Throughout the entire New Testament, the various authors are all in agreement with their presentation of the gospel.
- Having come from different backgrounds, cultures, educations, etc., the only explanation for the unified gospel is that they are all speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

b. The Gospel Unites

- “the right hand of fellowship”- a sign of partnership and fellowship/
- Men who have no earthly reason to be together are united by the common grace of the gospel.

II. The Conditions of the Gospel

- The “false brothers” were imposing conditions on salvation, requiring circumcision (Acts 15:2).
- Paul brings Titus, an uncircumcised Greek, to validate the message that the gospel is unconditional. Titus was accepted as a brother in the faith.

III. The Breadth of the Gospel

- The apostles affirmed Paul message and ministry. Peter was called to preach the gospel to the Jews. Paul was called to preach the gospel to the Gentiles.
- The breadth of the gospel is universal.
- The gospel is not for a specific class or people group. It is for all people in all places.
- The only qualification needed to receive salvation is to be a sinner.
- Let’s not act like the false brothers of Galatia by excluding people from the church who are “not like us.”

The unified gospel saves unconditionally. It is universally extended to all people that they may be saved and unified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. There is no other gospel.

Discussion Questions:

- What is the Gospel?
- Why did Paul go back to Jerusalem (v.2)?
- What was the importance of bringing Titus to Jerusalem?
- What was the significance of the “right hand of fellowship?”
- Why should we trust the Bible?
- What has Paul so passionate in verses 4 and 5?
- How does he describe the false teachers who have infiltrated the church?
- What is Paul’s reason for writing (v.5)?
- What is required to be saved?
- Who is the gospel for?

Application:

- How is the gospel real to you today?
- Have you ever considered the unified message of the New Testament? How should this strengthen our faith?
- The themes of unity and partnership are significant in this passage. How are they significant in your life at Lakeside?
- How should the gospel help you see yourself and others?
- Peter was entrusted with the gospel to preach to the Jews. Paul was entrusted to preach to the Gentiles. Who can you currently share the gospel with?
- Do you currently see conditions that you or someone else has placed on your own salvation? How can you respond?
- Do you see disunity and exclusion in the church today? What can you do to remedy this?

