



**Title** | Division and Unity  
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# Sermon Notes

**Galatians 2:1** Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. **2** I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. **3** But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. **4** Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in – who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery – **5** to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. **6** And to those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality) those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. **7** On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised **8** (for He Who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentile,) **9** and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **10** Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. ESV

## Big Idea:

**Galatians 2:5 – To them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.**  
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## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

In verse 2, Paul says he met with the other Apostles because he was afraid he had been running in vain. Does this mean that Paul was unsure or uncertain of his beliefs? If not, then what was Paul's concern? How did Titus fit into this meeting?

### Tuesday:

Paul wrote this letter to the Galatian church because they had been tricked into legalism by false teachers. It's important to remember, though, that the Galatians were already believers when the false teachers arrived, showing that believers can be led astray if we're not careful. What lessons can we learn from the Galatians? How can we avoid their error?

### Wednesday:

We reviewed an old adage concerning differing beliefs among those who profess to be Christians: In essentials, unity...In secondary issues, grace...In heresy, opposition. Have you ever had to address secondary issues? How did you respond? After this week's message, would you respond differently today?

### Thursday:

We reviewed an old adage concerning differing beliefs among those who profess to be Christians: In essentials, unity...In secondary issues, grace...In heresy, opposition. Have you ever had to address heresy? How did you respond? After this week's message, would you respond differently today?

### Friday:

The outcome of this meeting between the Apostles is that the issue of grace vs works was settled once and for all and unity prevailed within the church. The specific example we saw of unity in our passage was Paul's lifelong commitment to the poor believers in Jerusalem. How can we promote unity among believers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

### Daily Prayer:

**Father, thank you for the example of Titus. I am grateful that my salvation is based solely on my faith in Your Son and is not dependent on any work of my own device. I ask that you continue to keep me from the error of the Galatians. Amen.**

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