



Galatians 2:1-14

February 24 AM

Sermon 2: Don't U-Turn to Tradition & Favoritism

Don't U-Turn people toward TRADITION.

- ❖ Paul described Christians who were working hard to win the Gentiles to Christ. – Galatians 2:1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with **Barnabas**, and also took **Titus** with *me*.
- ❖ Paul described Christians who were influential among the people of Christ. – Galatians 2:2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated to **them** that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to **those who were of reputation**, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.
- ❖ Paul described false Christians who worked hard to enslave people to religion. – Galatians 2:3-5 Yet not even Titus who *was* with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. ⁴ And *this occurred* because of **false brethren** secretly brought in (who came in **by stealth to spy out our liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might **bring us into bondage**), ⁵ to whom **we did not yield submission** even for an hour, that the truth of the **gospel might continue** with you.

Don't U-Turn away from the TRUE GOSPEL.

- ❖ Paul REJECTED people who were primarily concerned with outward things. – 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.
- ❖ Paul RECEIVED people who were primarily concerned with inward things. – Galatians 2:6-10 And from 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 Gentiles), 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 to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Don't U-Turn toward FAVORITISM.

- ❖ Christians are susceptible to SINFUL peer-pressure. – Galatians 2:11-13 ¹¹ But when **Cephas** came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before **certain men came** from James, he was **eating with the Gentiles**; but when they came **he drew back and separated himself**, fearing the **circumcision party**. ¹³ And the rest of the **Jews acted hypocritically** along with him, so that **even Barnabas** was led astray by their hypocrisy.
- ❖ Christians are susceptible to GODLY peer-pressure. – Galatians 2:14 But when I saw that their conduct was **not in step with the truth of the gospel**, I said to **Cephas** before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”