

## **Defending the Gospel**

(Galatians 2:1-10)

June 2nd, 2010

Wednesday Evening

Paul was experiencing Jesus' Parables of the Sower and the Seed and also of the Wheat and Tares in Matthew 13:1-9; 24-30. Paul had sowed the seed in southern Galatia on his first missionary journey and had seen a harvest, which Jesus promised in the Sower and the Seed. Then Satan opposed Paul's work by sowing Tares through the Judaizers. So Paul was forced to combat Satan's opposition in the Epistle to the Galatians.

### **1. In Chapters 1-2, Paul gives his Personal Response and Defends his Apostleship.**

- A. Expounding the Gospel in (1:1-5)
- B. Condemning the False Teachers in (1:6-9)
- C. Clearing his Name in (1:10-12)
- D. Sharing his Salvation Experience (1:13-24)
- E. Exhibiting the Gospel (2:1-10)

#### *Paul went to Jerusalem five times:*

*First Trip* (Galatians 1:18/Acts 9:26)

*Second Trip* (Galatians 2:1/Acts 11:25-30) The Famine Visit

*Third Trip* (Acts 15) The Jerusalem Conference

*Fourth Trip* (Acts 18:21) After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey

*Fifth Trip* (Acts 21:17) After the 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey

#### **1) Why did Paul go to Jerusalem? (Galatians 2:2)**

- a. In Galatians 1, Paul is concerned with the source of the Gospel: He is independent of the Apostles ("them which were of reputation").
- b. In Galatians 2, Paul is concerned with the content of the Gospel: He is interdependent on the Apostles.

#### **2) How did Paul go to Jerusalem? (Galatians 2:3-5) With Titus who was Exhibit "A"**

- a. The true apostles did not force Titus to be circumcised.
- b. The false teachers tried to force Titus to be circumcised.

#### **3) What was the result of Paul going to Jerusalem? (Galatians 2:6-10)**

- a. The Apostles agreed there is only one gospel message.
- b. The Apostles also agreed that there are different ministries with different methods.