

4. Freedom from the curse of sin and the unity of the body are promises found in the Gospel. However, the enemy's deception can hinder those promises. How has today's church acted like the Judaizers preventing those promises?

5. Can you recognize any tendencies in your own Christian walk to heighten social preferences as gospel truth?

6. What example can your small group display over the course of this session to help ensure the next generation is shown God's gospel and not mankind's rendition?

UNDER ONE GOSPEL

Galatians 2:1-14, Acts 15

"God be thanked for the simplicity of the gospel. The longer I live, the more I bless God that we have not received a classical gospel, nor a mathematical gospel, nor a metaphysical gospel; it is not a gospel confined to scholars and men of genius, but a poor man's gospel, a ploughman's gospel; for that is the kind of gospel which we can live upon and die upon!"

-Charles H. Spurgeon

Galatians 2:1-3 Trust in the Gospel's effectiveness.

Galatians 2:4-4 Maintain an Uncompromised Gospel.

What is the freedom found in the Gospel?

-Freedom from the Curse of Sin – Gal. 3:13

-Not an excuse for Evil – 1 Peter 2:26

-Relationship with God – Romans 7:6

Galatians 2:6-10 Pursue Unity, Not Uniformity.

What produces Unity among the Church?

-Glorification of God not self – 1 Thess. 2:4

-Congruent Message – Gal. 1:18

-Recognition of Holy Spirit's work – Luke 24:49, Eph. 4:4-6

-Submission to Christ's Leadership – Col. 1:8

-Delegation of Ministry – Eph. 4:11-16

Galatians 2:11-14 Oppose the lie of social preference masquerading as theological truth.

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Getting to Know You

This week we studied the importance of preserving God's gospel. Do you have a tradition, story, piece of art, article of clothing, or something of little or great value that you try to preserve? Share the story behind it especially if it's humorous.

Digging Deeper

1. Paul witnessed first-hand the power and effectiveness of the Gospel. Read 1 Thess. 1:1-10. What directly encourages Paul based on his statements towards the Thessalonians? Are you looking for similar displays of faithfulness for encouragement to trust in the gospel? Why?
2. Paul also met opposition and rejection when presenting the gospel. For one account read Acts 19:21-7. What was the surface reasoning for opposing the Gospel, and what was being challenged beneath the surface? Has the gospel ever invoked a hostile response from you towards it? If so, how?
3. How does opposition, even as fierce as a riot, support the legitimacy of the gospel presented by Paul in Gal. 3:13? Does it add to your faith in the gospel? Why or why not?