

FREEDOM!

Galatians 2:1-10

Jesus + Law = _____

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Jesus + Nothing = _____

I. _____ and Freedom

The book of Galatians has been called the _____ of Christian liberty. The MC was written in _____ by 25 English noblemen who were tired of King Edward's overreach. Although it was an excellent document, neither side lived by it. It did become the basis for many of our republic's values. Paul understood that _____ could easily be lost by listening to _____ . They were like _____ agents who were attempting to return them to _____. Paul's response to this? He didn't _____, not even for a moment. Churches are prone to _____ so easily in an effort to redeem the _____. Remember though, that is not our _____.

II. A _____ for Freedom

After _____ years Paul journeyed with Barnabas and Titus to Jerusalem. This was one of _____ trips there. This visit seems to be the one Dr. Luke references in _____. Paul went there because of a vision God had given him, not because he was _____ by the apostles.

III. _____ and Freedom

His visit to Jerusalem resulted in two strategic things: 1) Titus was _____ by the apostles and 2) the apostles effectively approved of Paul's ministry.

Titus was a _____, being taken into the heart of Jewish culture. This probably drove the Judaizers insane. Circumcision was _____ to the Jews. It was the sacred mark of Jewish identity, the symbol of _____. When a gentile converted to Judaism, circumcision was what happened. Paul, bringing Titus to Jerusalem, was a _____ move. The apostles did not force him to be circumcised. This act proved there were no _____ Christians and also showed no room for any _____.

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We Christians are always attempting to add something to the _____. Jesus + anything = _____.

IV. Partners of Freedom

There were times that Peter evangelized _____ and Paul had his share of persecution at the hands of the Jews. This reminds us that God used different ministries to spread the gospel then as He does now. Philip Ryken "the church can allow a diversity of _____ as long as there is a _____ of message." He further commented that we ought to be willing to compromise on some things but absolutely _____ when it comes to compromising the _____.

V. A _____ and Freedom

The church, by necessity, is multi-_____ and multi-_____. It is only _____ race because there's only _____. That's the reason it has spread across the world.

If Paul had failed on this trip to Jerusalem, Christianity would merely be existing within

Judaism and we would be running the race in _____.

Questions:

1. Have I added anything to Jesus?
2. What would I write about my spiritual autobiography? What would others write?
3. Freedom in Christ meant absolutely everything to Paul. He didn't compromise this belief for anything. Do I have this conviction?