

Paul and James

Galatians 1:18-20 (KJV)

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

¹⁹ But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

²⁰ Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

HERE PAUL SAYS THAT HE TALKED TO PETER AND JAMES THE LORD'S BROTHER. THAT IS JESUS' HALF BROTHER BY MARY. [Mark 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.]

Acts 12:1-5 (KJV)

¹² Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

² And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

³ And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

⁴ And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

⁵ Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

HERE IT IS RECORDED BY LUKE IN ACTS THAT JAMES, A SON OF ZEBEDEE, WAS KILLED BY HEROD. [Matthew 4:21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.]

Acts 15:12-14 (KJV) THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

¹² Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

¹³ And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

¹⁴ Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. [It continues:

THIS PROCLAMATION [BELOW] WAS IN ACCORD WITH THE OLD TESTAMENT RULES ABOUT STRANGERS IN THE MIDST OF GOD'S PEOPLE. SOME BELIEVE THAT THE ULTIMATE GOAL, HOWEVER, WAS TO CONVERT THEM TO JUDAISM.

Acts 15:19-21 (KJV)

¹⁹ Wherefore my [James, the Lord's brother] sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

²⁰ But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

²¹ For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

PAUL SEEMED TO DISAPPROVE THE LEGALISTIC TENDENCIES OF JAMES, THE LORD'S BROTHER. HOW DID THIS JAMES RISE SO HIGH IN THE NEW CHURCH? BECAUSE HE WAS THE LORD'S BROTHER? THERE IS NO RECORD THAT HE WAS A BELIEVER PRIOR TO THE RESURRECTION.

John 7:1-6 (KJV)

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brothers therefore said unto him, [probably taunting] Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth anything in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him. Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.

PETER (CEPHAS) OPPOSED BY PAUL

Galatians 2 NASB

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the

Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. ¹³ The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

PAUL WOULD NOT ALLOW PETER TO GIVE IN TO THE JUDAIZING WAYS OF THOSE WHO FOLLOWED JAMES THE LORD'S NATURAL BROTHER. IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT JAMES THE LORD'S NATURAL BROTHER IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTER OF JAMES.

COMPARED TO PAUL THIS JAMES HAD STRONG JUDAIZING TENDENCIES. [WANTING TO PULL CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS BACK UNDER THE MOSAIC LAW.]

Paul wrote Galatians:

Galatians 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Galatians 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 6:13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

James 2:14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

James 2:24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

James 2:20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? TRUE. HOWEVER, TRUE WORKS OFTEN LAG BEHIND A BELIEVER'S FAITH. GIVE THEM TIME. JAMES IS HARSH.

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite (insulted) to the Spirit of grace?

OF ALL THE NEW TESTAMENTS WRITERS PAUL WAS THE MOST PROLIFIC.

PETER VOUCHES FOR PAUL

2 Peter 3:15–16

15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

JESUS COMMISSIONED PAUL

Acts 26:16–18

16 But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, 17 delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you 18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.