

Fellowship of the Gospel Galatians 2:1-10

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me.² I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in — who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery — 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. ⁶ 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.

Discuss

1. Fellowship Rooted in Revelation

Paul's mission to Jerusalem began with God's revelation. How can we discern whether our ministry or actions are truly God-initiated rather than driven by personal ambition?

2. Fellowship that Preserves Truth

Paul stood firm against false teaching even when it was uncomfortable. What are some modern challenges to the truth of the gospel, and how should we respond with both firmness and love?

3. Fellowship that Respects Diversity and Calling

In Galatians 2:6-9, Paul and Peter had different callings but the same gospel. How can our church better recognise, affirm, and celebrate the unique callings of each member?

4. Fellowship that Lives Out Love in Action

Verse 10 highlights remembering the poor as an expression of fellowship. What practical steps can we take as a small group to meet tangible needs in our community?

5. Enduring Fellowship

What are some common obstacles to maintaining unity in our fellowship, and how can we overcome them in Christ?