



Two Test Cases

Galatians 2:1-14

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Galatians 2:1-14 reminds us that believers in Jesus Christ must preserve and practice the truth of the gospel. We are to preserve the truth of the gospel accurately, and we are to practice the truth of the gospel consistently.

Background (Acts 11:29; 15:1-29)

1. Gospel Belief – The "truth of the gospel" must be accurately preserved (2:1-10).

Titus was the test case for gospel belief.

2. Gospel Practice – The "truth of the gospel" must be consistently practiced (2:11-14).

Peter became the test case for gospel practice.

Questions to Consider

1. Read Acts 15:1-10. What was the false teaching that was infiltrating many local churches that were made up of mostly Gentiles? What was the response of the Jewish leaders of the church in Jerusalem to this false teaching?
2. What did Paul mean in 2:5 when he wrote, "...that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you."?
3. How did Paul use Titus as a test case for the truth of the gospel?
4. What are some things that people today may attempt to add to belief in Jesus Christ?
5. Do you believe that you will enter heaven when you die? On what basis? Does your answer focus on your works or God's grace?
6. How did Peter act like a hypocrite? Are there other believers that you have not fully embraced as brothers / sisters in Christ?
7. Is there a brother or sister whose practice in life is running contrary to the gospel? Are you praying for that person? Could you go and speak to that person?
8. Is there an attitude or behavior in your life that is undermining your profession of faith in Christ? i.e. Are there ways in which you are not consistently living like a believer in the gospel of Jesus Christ? How are you going to address that area (Your answer may include "pray," but it should not end there)?