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Bible Focus: Galatians 2:1-10

Current Series: Free

Message Title: A Hill Worth Dying On, Part 1

So that “the truth of the gospel might be preserved” (v. 5), the church leaders agreed that:

1. _____ in the gospel is what saves a person, not _____ or human _____.

³ Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek.

2. _____ of the gospel and of our _____ in Christ must be called out and opposed.

⁴ This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. ⁵ We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

3. True gospel-believers are marked by _____ and _____, not _____ or _____.

⁶ As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. ⁷ On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. ⁸ For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. ⁹ James, Cephas, and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

4. Financial _____ for the _____ is an essential priority of gospel-centered ministry.

¹⁰ All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Galatians 2:1-10

1. Read Galatians 2:1-10. What seems to be Paul’s and the apostles’ primary concern in this passage, or the “hill” upon which they were willing to die?
2. What are some specific “hills” that you believe to be worth dying on, regardless of what anyone else thinks?
3. How did Paul show great wisdom in how he approached the church leaders? In how he handled the problem of those who opposed his message (e.g., the Judaizers and legalists)?
4. The apostles didn’t give Paul his gospel (1:11-12) or add anything to his message (2:6), but they did endorse it (2:7-9). Why was this so important? What message would this unity and support have sent to the “false believers” in Galatia (2:4)?
5. Why did it matter that neither Paul nor the apostles asked Titus to be circumcised (v. 3)?
6. Why does it rob God of glory whenever we add extra requirements to the gospel of the grace of God?
7. Have there been times in your life when you have begun to think that good works or your performance counts toward your salvation? What caused you to think this way?
8. Why do you think the apostles considered “remembering the poor” to be so important (v. 10)? What does that have to do with the gospel?
9. How can believers today stand up for our freedom in Christ, like Paul did?