

Sermon Title: "Entrusted with the Gospel"

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Text: Galatians 2:1-10

Main Point

We have been entrusted with the gospel which was confirmed by those God called to confirm it and unites us in our mission together.

Quotes

"Among what I see as the [one of] the most critical perils the church faces today [is] ... the loss of biblical truth. When the truth of the gospel is compromised or negotiated, the church ceases to be evangelical. We live in a time of crisis with respect to truth, where many churches see doctrine merely as something that divides. Therefore, they stress relationships over truth. That is a false distinction, as a commitment to truth is a commitment that should manifest itself in vital, living relationships. Relationships can never be substitute for embracing the truth of God. So the either/or fallacy of doctrine or relationship cannot be maintained under careful biblical scrutiny."
- R.C. Sproul

"It was not just a question of circumcision and uncircumcision, of Gentile and Jewish customs. It was a matter of fundamental importance regarding the truth of the gospel, namely of Christian freedom versus bondage. The Christian has been set free from the law in the sense that his acceptance before God depends entirely on God's grace in the death of Jesus Christ received by faith. To introduce the works of the law and make our acceptance depend on our obedience to rules and regulations was to bring a free man into bondage again. Of this principle Titus was a test case." - John Stott

Key Ideas

*Paul's gospel was confirmed to be the same gospel as Peter, James and John's.

*Titus' acceptance by Peter, James and John confirmed that salvation depends not on 'obeying the rules' but on the basis of grace.

*We have been entrusted with the gospel and are in partnership with all believers in the mission of the gospel.

Application

1. Read Galatians 2:1-10.
2. Why was it important for Paul to set his gospel before Peter, James, & John?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that the "false brothers" were seeking to "bring us into slavery?"
4. What are some of the ways the gospel comes under attack in your life? What are some ways you can protect the truth of the gospel in your life?

5. How does the gospel protect you from viewing another believer or a church as "2nd class Christians?" Why?
6. How does being 'entrusted with the gospel' unite us as a church and with fellow believers in our mission?

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