

# Galatians 2

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## **Paul Accepted by the Apostles**

<sup>1</sup> Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

<sup>2</sup> And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

<sup>3</sup> But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

<sup>4</sup> And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

<sup>5</sup> To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

<sup>6</sup> But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

<sup>7</sup> But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

<sup>8</sup> (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

**9** And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

**10** Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

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### **Paul Opposes Peter**

**11** But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

**12** For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

**13** And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

**14** But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

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### **Justified by Faith**

**15** We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

**16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

**17** But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

**18** For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

**19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

**20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

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### **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

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### **Gospel** — εὐαγγέλιον (Euangelion)

Good news, gospel

The Greek **euangelion** (εὐαγγέλιον) means good news or gospel—the message of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. It's 'the power of God unto salvation' (Romans 1:16).

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### **Grace** — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

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### **Justify** — δικάζω (Dikaioo)

To justify, declare righteous

The Greek **dikaioo** (δικαίω) means to declare righteous—a forensic term for acquittal. Believers are 'justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus' (Romans 3:24).

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### **Law** — νόμος (Nomos)

Law

The Greek **nomos** (νόμος) denotes law—particularly the Mosaic law. While believers are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), Christ fulfilled the law (Matthew 5:17) and wrote it on believers' hearts (Hebrews 8:10).

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**Righteous — δίκαιος (Dikaios)**

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaïos** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

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**Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)**

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

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**Truth — ἀλήθεια (Aletheia)**

Truth, reality

The Greek **aletheia** (ἀλήθεια) denotes truth or reality—that which corresponds to actuality. Jesus declared, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), embodying ultimate reality.

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**CROSS REFERENCES**


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**Galatians 2:1**    **Parallel theme:** Galatians 2:3; 2:13; Titus 1:4

**Galatians 2:2**    **Parallel theme:** Galatians 2:6; 2:9; Acts 15:4; 15:12; 1 Corinthians 1:23; 2:2; 9:24; 9:26; Philippians 2:16; 1 Thessalonians 3:5

**Galatians 2:3**    **Parallel theme:** Acts 16:3; 2 Corinthians 2:13

**Galatians 2:4**    **References Jesus:** Jude 1:4. **References Christ:** Galatians 5:1. **Parallel theme:** Galatians 4:3; Isaiah 51:23; Acts 15:1; 15:24; 20:30; 2 Corinthians 11:26; 2 Peter 2:19; 1 John 4:1

**Galatians 2:5**    **Truth:** Galatians 2:14; 4:16; Ephesians 1:13; Colossians 1:5

**Galatians 2:6**

**Parallel theme:** Galatians 2:2; 6:3; 2 Corinthians 11:5; 12:11; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 1:17.

**References God:** Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11

**Galatians 2:7**    **Parallel theme:** Galatians 1:16; 2:9; Acts 9:15; 15:12; 18:6; 28:28; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:11; 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11

**Galatians 2:8**    **Parallel theme:** Acts 9:15; 15:12; 21:19; 22:21

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**Grace:** Romans 1:5; 12:3; Ephesians 3:8. **Parallel theme:** Galatians 2:2; 1 John 1:3; Revelation 3:12

**Galatians 2:10** **Parallel theme:** Acts 24:17; Hebrews 13:16; 1 John 3:17

**Galatians 2:11** **Parallel theme:** Galatians 2:5; 2:9; Acts 15:1; 2 Corinthians 5:16; 12:11; 1 Timothy 5:20; James 3:2. **References Peter:** Galatians 2:7; 2:14; Matthew 16:23

**Galatians 2:12** **Parallel theme:** Galatians 2:9; Luke 15:2; Acts 10:28; Ephesians 3:6

**Galatians 2:13** **Parallel theme:** Ecclesiastes 10:1; Acts 4:36; 1 Corinthians 5:6; 8:9; 15:33; Ephesians 4:14; Hebrews 13:9

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**Truth:** Galatians 2:5. **Parallel theme:** Galatians 6:12; Psalms 84:11; Proverbs 2:7; Acts 10:28; 1 Timothy 5:20

## Galatians 2:15

**Parallel theme:** Romans 4:16; Ephesians 2:3; Philippians 3:4; Titus 3:3. **Sin:** Romans 3:9

## Galatians 2:16

**Faith:** Romans 1:17; 3:30; 9:30; Philippians 3:9; 2 Peter 1:1. **Righteousness:** Psalms 143:2; Romans 4:2; 1 Peter 2:24; 3:18. **References Jesus:** 1 John 1:7

**Galatians 2:17** **Sin:** Galatians 2:15; 1 John 3:5. **Parallel theme:** Romans 11:7

**Galatians 2:19** **Word:** Romans 6:14; 7:4; 8:2. **References God:** Romans 6:2; 6:11; Hebrews 9:14. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 5:15; Colossians 2:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:10; 1 Peter 2:24

**Galatians 2:20** **Cross:** Galatians 5:24; 6:14. **Parallel theme:** 2 Corinthians 5:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:10; Titus 2:14. **Faith:** John 17:21; Romans 6:8; 2 Corinthians 13:5. **References God:** Galatians 1:4; Romans 6:13

**Galatians 2:21** **Grace:** Romans 11:6. **Righteousness:** Galatians 2:16; 3:21; Romans 10:3. **Word:** Hebrews 7:11. **References Christ:** 1 Corinthians 15:14. **References God:** Isaiah 49:4. **Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 15:2

