

Galatians 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Paul defends his apostolic authority and the gospel of grace. This verse contributes to Paul's overall purpose in Galatians: Defend gospel of grace against legalism. The key themes of justification by faith alone, freedom in Christ, law vs. grace are evident in this passage.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: Galatians was written around 49-55 CE from Antioch or Ephesus to Churches in Galatia threatened by Judaizers.

Occasion: False teachers requiring circumcision and law-keeping. Early churches faced pressure from Judaizers who insisted Gentile believers must follow Jewish law. Paul vigorously defended the gospel of grace against this legalism.

First-century believers lived in a pluralistic, pagan society with many parallels to today. Social structures, economic pressures, and religious confusion all challenged Christian witness. Paul's instructions addressed both timeless theological truths and specific cultural situations.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Galatians 2:1 deepen my understanding of the gospel and God's character?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call me to make this week?
3. How does this passage point to Christ and His redemptive work?

Interlinear Text

Ἐπειτα	διὰ	δεκατεσσάρων	ἐτῶν	πάλιν	ἀνέβην	εἰς
Then	after	fourteen	years	again	I went up	to
G1899	G1223	G1180	G2094	G3825	G305	G1519
Ἱεροσόλυμα	μετὰ	Βαρναβᾶ	συμπαλαβῶν	καὶ	Τίτον·	
Jerusalem	with	Barnabas	and took	also	Titus	
G2414	G3326	G921	G4838	G2532	G5103	

Additional Cross-References

Galatians 2:3 (Parallel theme): But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

Galatians 2:13 (Parallel theme): And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

Titus 1:4 (Parallel theme): To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.