

The letter to the GALATIANS

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Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem

¹ After 14 years, Barnabas and I went to Jerusalem again and I *took Titus with us. ² I went because God told me to go there. In Jerusalem I told the ^abelievers and ^bexplained to them how I ^cpreach the ^dGood_News to the ^egentiles. When I was alone with the ^fimportant_leaders of the ^gchurch, I also explained it to them because I wanted to make sure that I *could go on with the ^hmessage that I was preaching and that I had been preaching in the past.

^a**believers:** people who *know Jesus, the *Son of God who *saves them.

[*drawing # 16]

^b**explain:** to help someone understand something.

^c**preach:** to tell people about God and *explain what his words *mean.

^d**Good_News:** the *message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^e**gentiles:** people who were not *Jews and were not *circumcised.

^f**important_leader:** a person who tells other people what to do and they must listen to him.

^g**church:** all the people who *believe in Jesus and *worship Him.

^h**message:** the *Good_News that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

³ Titus was with me and he is a ⁱGreek, but the ^jbelievers in Jerusalem did not say that he must be ^kcircumcised. ⁴ There were people in the ^lcongregation in Jerusalem who were ^mnot_really ⁿbelievers. They ^osecretly came to listen to what I said. They wanted to ^paccuse me because I say that Jesus *Christ has made us free. They wanted us to become ^qslaves to the ^rlaws of Moses again. ⁵ But we did not listen to them, not ^seven for one minute, and we did not ^tagree to what they wanted because we wanted to make sure that you will keep on getting the full ^utruth of the ^vGood_News.

ⁱ**Greek:** someone who comes from the *land of Greece and speaks the Greek language.

^j**believers:** people who *know Jesus, the *Son of God who *saves them.
[*drawing # 16]

^k**circumcised:** when a man's *foreskin was cut off to show that he *belonged to God.

^l**congregation:** the *believers or the *church in a town or place.

^m**not_really:** not *true, it did not or will not happen.

ⁿ**believers:** people who *know Jesus, the *Son of God who *saves them.
[*drawing # 16]

^o**secret:** something that most people do not *know, only a few people know about it.

^p**accuse:** to say that a person has done something wrong.

^q**slave:** someone who is not free, he must always do what others tell him to do.

^r**laws of Moses:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old_Testament.

^s**even:** also or more than the other.

^t**agree:** to say yes, to think that something is right or to think the same.

^u**truth:** what God says or what *really happened, it is not a *lie.

^v**Good_News:** the *message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

⁶ The ^wimportant_leaders of the ^xcongregation in Jerusalem did not change anything in my ^ymessage. It does ^znot_matter to me if they are important or not, because God does not think that one person is more important than another person. ⁷ The ^aimportant_leaders in Jerusalem ^brealised that it was God who told me to ^cpreach the ^dGood_News to the ^egentiles, as He had told Peter to preach the Good_News to the *Jews. ⁸ Yes, God gave Peter the power to be an ^fapostle to the *Jews and the same God has given me the power to be an apostle to the ^ggentiles.

^w**important_leader:** a person who tells other people what to do and they must listen to him.

^x**congregation:** the *believers or the *church in a town or place.

^y**message:** the *Good_News that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^z**not_matter:** it does not make a *difference, you will *accept it, anyway.

^a**important_leader:** a person who tells other people what to do and they must listen to him.

^b**realise:** to see or *begin to understand something.

^c**preach:** to tell people about God and *explain what his words *mean.

^d**Good_News:** the *message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^e**gentiles:** people who were not *Jews and were not *circumcised.

^f**apostle:** one of the first *leaders of the *church who has seen and learned from Jesus.

^g**gentiles:** people who were not *Jews and were not *circumcised.

⁹ James, ^hCephas and John, the ⁱleaders of the ^jcongregation in Jerusalem, ^krealised that God has given me the ^lgrace to ^mpreach to the ⁿgentiles. They ^oaccepted Barnabas and I and they *took our hands and said we *could all work together. Barnabas and I will preach to the gentiles and they will preach to the *Jews. ¹⁰ There was one thing that they asked us to do. They asked us to help the poor people of the ^pcongregation in Jerusalem. And this was something that I have always ^qreally wanted to do.

Paul and Peter ^rargue in Antioch

¹¹ Later ^sCephas came to the city of Antioch and he did something that God does not like. I went ^tstraight to him and I told him that he

^h**Cephas:** another name for Simon-Peter, this name *means ‘a *rock’.

ⁱ**leaders:** people who lead other people and tell them what they must do.

[*drawing # 120, 136]

^j**congregation:** the *believers or the *church in a town or place.

^k**realise:** to see or *begin to understand something.

^l**grace:** the love of God for *sinful people who do not *deserve his love.

^m**preach:** to tell people about God and *explain what his words *mean.

ⁿ**gentiles:** people who were not *Jews and were not *circumcised.

^o**accept:** to be *friendly and *welcome someone.

^p**congregation:** the *believers or the *church in a town or place.

^q**really:** *true, not a *lie, more than others.

^r**argue:** talk to a person and fight with him, using words.

^s**Cephas:** another name for Simon-Peter, this name *means ‘a *rock’.

^t**straight:** not *turning to the left or the right, like the line of a *plumb-line.

[*drawing # 43]

was wrong. ¹² Before some of the *Jewish ^uChristians from Jerusalem came to Antioch, ^vCephas always ate with the Christians who were not Jews. But when those people from James came to Antioch, then Cephas stopped eating with the Christians who were not Jews because he was ^wafraid of the Jewish Christians. ¹³ When ^xCephas did that, the other *Jewish ^yChristians did the same. They became ^zhypocritical like he was. Barnabas also became hypocritical.

God makes us ^arighteous because we ^bbelieve

¹⁴ When I *saw that they were not doing what the ^ctruth of the ^dGood_News tells us, I talked to ^eCephas, and everyone heard when I said: ‘Cephas, you are a *Jew, but you live like the people who are

^u**Christians:** people who *believe in Jesus *Christ and tell other people about Him.

^v**Cephas:** another name for Simon-Peter, this name *means ‘a *rock’.

^w**afraid:** to worry because you think something bad will happen.

^x**Cephas:** another name for Simon-Peter, this name *means ‘a *rock’.

^y**Christians:** people who *believe in Jesus *Christ and tell other people about Him.

^z**hypocritical:** you tell people that you are good *while you are bad.

^a**righteous:** what people are like when God has *forgiven their *sins and they *live in the right way.

^b**believe:** to *know Jesus, the *Son of God, and *trust Him to *save you.

[*drawing # 16]

^c**truth:** what God says or what *really happened, it is not a *lie.

^d**Good_News:** the *message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

^e**Cephas:** another name for Simon-Peter, this name *means ‘a *rock’.

not Jews. Now you are telling people who are not Jews that they must live like Jews. That is wrong.

¹⁵ You and I were *Jews from the time that we were born. We were not ^fgentile ^gsinners. ¹⁶ We *know that God ^hforgives people's ⁱsin and makes us ^jrighteous. He does it because we ^kbelieve in Jesus *Christ, not because we do what the ^llaws say. You and I also started believing in Jesus Christ and God made us righteous. God did this because we believe in Christ, not because we do what the laws say. In the ^mOld Testament it is ⁿwritten:

“God makes people righteous,
but not because they do what the laws say.”^o

^f**gentile:** a person who was not a *Jew and was not *circumcised.

^g**sinners:** people who *sin and do wrong *against the *laws of God.

^h**forgive:** when God *decides not to *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

ⁱ**sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^j**righteous:** what people are like when God has *forgiven their *sins and they *live in the right way.

^k**believe:** to *know Jesus, the *Son of God, and *trust Him to *save you.

[*drawing # 16]

^l**laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

^m**Old Testament:** the first part of the Bible, it was *written in the *Hebrew language. [*drawing # 119]

ⁿ**written:** when someone put down words into a book or *letter with a pen.
[*drawing # 47]

^o**Galatians 2:16** These words are also in the *Old Testament in Psalm 143:2.

¹⁷ You and I are *Jews. We wanted God to make us ^prighteous and to ^qforgive our ^rsins because we ^sbelieve in *Christ. Yes, we ^trealised that we are ^usinners like ^vgentiles. Can we say now that it is Christ who makes us sin? No, we can never say that.'

¹⁸ I *know that God ^wforgives people and makes them *righteous because they ^ybelieve in *Christ. I can not ^zpreach a ^adifferent ^bmessage, because then I *would not be doing what God wants.

^p**righteous:** what people are like when God has *forgiven their *sins and they *live in the right way.

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^y**believe:** to *know Jesus, the *Son of God, and *trust Him to *save you.

[*drawing # 16]

^z**preach:** to tell people about God and *explain what his words *mean.

^a**different:** not the same, or some of these and some of the others.

^b**message:** the *Good_News that God loves all people and that Jesus died to *forgive their *sins.

¹⁹ *Christ died on the ^ccross and I died with Him. That is why I am dead to the ^dlaws. I am free from the laws and I live to ^ehonour God.

²⁰ It is not I who live. It is *Christ who lives in me. How do I live now? I ^fbelieve in the ^gSon of God, the Son who loves me and who has died so that I can live. ²¹ There are some people who say that God ^hforgives people and makes them ⁱrighteous because they do what the ^jlaws say. That is ^knot_true. If that were true, then it *would not help us at all that *Christ has died for us. No, I ^lbelieve in the ^mgrace of God. I can never ⁿthrow it away or forget it.

^c**cross:** 2 wooden poles like a + on *which *Christ died to *forgive all our *sins. [*drawing # 23]

^d**laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

^e**honour:** *respect and *worship.

^f**believe:** to *know Jesus, the *Son of God, and *trust Him to *save you.

[*drawing # 16]

^g**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

^h**forgive:** when God *decides not to *punish people for the *sins that they have done.

ⁱ**righteous:** what people are like when God has *forgiven their *sins and they *live in the right way.

^j**laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people that say how they must live.

^k**not_true:** it is a *lie, not what God says, it did not or will not happen.

^l**believe:** to *know that God is the One who *saves you and will help and do what He said. [*drawing # 16]

^m**grace:** the love of God for *sinful people who do not *deserve his love.

ⁿ**throw away:** when you don't keep something, you don't want it anymore.

[*drawing # 110]