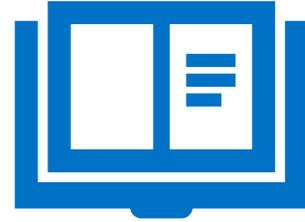


Lesson 2

GALATIANS

1:11-2:21 – KNOW JESUS' MESSAGE



Introduction

There are many narratives out there regarding religion. First, on your own, see if you can come up with three narratives regarding who God is and what he does that you hear in your life. Then, with two or three others, consolidate your lists into a list of four major narratives regarding God, life, and the world that you hear in your life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Galatians 1:11-24

In verse 11, Paul establishes that his doctrine is not from human origin. In so doing, he establishes that there are two possible origins of teaching. Either it is divine, or it is human. Since humans bring these messages to us today, how should we evaluate whether a doctrine is of human origin or divine?

Paul had natural talents and was, in some ways, prepared to be a minister through his previous experiences. God prepared Paul in these ways to be sent out with his message of truth. In a different way, you are sent out with God's message. In what specific ways has God prepared you for service?

God was pleased to send Paul with his divine message to the Gentiles. Paul was set apart from the womb, miraculously called by Jesus, and he did not consult with other people.

Before I was called into the holy ministry, I decided to enroll in two pastor training schools, and I consulted with the Seminary president, who then consulted with the Council of Presidents. This is the path for all pastors in our synod now.

With these in mind, consider the following questions:

I am not an apostle. What gives you confidence in the things that I teach you?

What gives the other pastors and me the right to teach in the church?

Galatians 2:1-18

Some false brothers had slipped in under false pretenses. These false brothers cut at the Gospel by teaching Jesus plus works, namely circumcision. So let's come up with a list of at least three groups of false brothers that we need to be on the watch for today.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

According to verse 5, how should we deal with such false brothers?

Paul and Peter were sent to different groups, but they shared the same message. Apply this thought as we as the church reach out to the following groups...

... Boomers and iGen

... Westerners and Easterners

... White people and other races

Paul's message was not from man, but his apostleship was agreed upon by man. Therefore, consider the following:

Agree or Disagree: The truth of one's teaching will be testified by agreement with others.

Paul called out Peter for his false teaching. What should we do if we recognize that a person is not teaching or acting in line with the truth?

Galatians 2:15-21

Paul emphasizes that people are justified by grace through faith. Paul shows here that the Jews and Gentiles are sinners. According to this section and referencing Romans 4:5, who does God justify?

Correct this statement: To justify means God makes us righteous.

Paul, and we, died to the law. The former relationship was ended. What is our new proper relationship to the law?

Conclusion

Jesus sends people out with his message. What will those who are sent by Jesus teach?