

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**

**Date: June 26, 2019**

**Galatians 1:11-2:10**

1. What did Paul ask the Galatians in 1:10, at the end of last week's text? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How does Paul begin this week's text in verses 11-12? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why do you think it was so important to know the origin of the gospel that Paul preached?  
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3. Why does Paul tell the Galatians about his way of life in Judaism in verses 13-20?

- a. To show that the Gospel he was preaching did not come from a man.
- b. To show that this Gospel was different from what he had learned his whole life.
- c. To show what a drastic change had taken place in his life, that would not have been brought on by human influence or anything else aside from a supernatural revelation from Jesus Christ.
- d. To show that the gospel didn't even come from church leaders, but from Christ himself.

4. Why was Paul so concerned with whether this message came from men or from God?

- a. Because he had just said that even if he and his companions preached another Gospel, they should not follow it.
- b. Because there were so many people preaching a Gospel of human origin with obvious human motivations.
- c. Because he didn't respect the church leaders in Jerusalem and wanted to make sure everybody followed him instead.
- d. Because he wanted to show how he was better than the other apostles.

5. What is the significance of verse 15 (See also Jeremiah 1:4-10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Do you believe that God has a plan for your life? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ When do you think that plan began? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Does this mean that Paul had no mentors and was never affirmed by the church prior to going to Jerusalem (see Galatians 1:18-20, Acts 9:26-30, and Acts 11:25-30)?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How do we balance the importance of the message and voice of God with accountability and respect for the affirmation of those whom God has called and placed in authority?  
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**Galatians 1:11-2:10**

9. Why did Paul, Barnabas, and Titus go to Jerusalem after 14 years of ministry, according to 2:1-5 (See also Acts 15:1-35)?
- To present to them the Gospel that he had been preaching.
  - Because there were people insisting that the new believers who had not previously been Jews should be circumcised.
  - They wanted to advocate for their understanding of the Gospel, even as it obviously conflicted with what some people were teaching.
  - There were “false believers” who had infiltrated the church to “spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves”.
10. What was the response from the leaders of the church to Paul & Barnabas’s mission and ministry, according to 2:6-10 (see also Acts 15:6-35)?
- They affirmed the ministry to the Gentiles “just as Peter had been to the circumcised.”
  - They “added nothing to [his] message”.
  - They “extended the right hand of fellowship”.
  - They only asked that Paul continue to remember the poor.
11. Read Acts 15:22-29. What things did the apostles and elders say that the believers were to abstain from?
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12. Did this add to the message? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. Why did they include these?
- They wanted to add needless restrictions to new believers.
  - They thought that it would be best for the new believers if they avoided these things.
  - They were aware at how quickly we jump to the conclusion that grace is an excuse to sin and do things that are damaging to our own body and life (just as Paul tried to refute in Romans 6:1-2 and 6:15).
14. Are there still things today that should be avoided for our own good even though they are not additions to the Gospel? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ What kinds of things might these be?  
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