

Week 1: The Sound Gospel

Title: Defending the gospel / No return to the Law

Objective:

- Review God's calling to St Paul
- Explain how St Paul consulted with the Apostles regarding his preaching
- How the Holy Spirit works in each of us according to His purpose
- St Paul confronts St Peter regarding the Judaizers

Resources:

- Catena Bible Commentary
- HEMY Bible Study(Includes material)
- Fr Dawoud Lamie's Bible study (Easy Arabic)
- Fr Tadros Y Malaty commentary

Reading:

- General
 - Galatians 1:1-10 (Do not believe any other gospel)
 - Galatians 1:1-17 (God calls St Paul to the apostleship)
 - Galatians 1:18-24 (St Paul - even as an Apostle, goes to Jerusalem to verify that his preaching is sound)
 - Galatians 2:1-10 (Defending the Gospel / The Holy Spirit works in each one according to His purpose)
 - Galatians 2:11-21 (St Paul confronts St Peter regarding the Judaizers)

Key verse(s):

- " I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"
Galatians 2:20

Comments:

Review questions:

Chapter1

- What was St. Paul's former conduct before he became Christian?
- What did the Churches of Judea hear about St. Paul?

- What was the origin of the Gospel St. Paul preached?
- Prove that St. Paul was a devout Jew.

Chapter 2

- Was St Paul teaching a different Gospel than the Apostles?
- What did St. Paul blame St. Peter for?
- Were there two Gospels one for the uncircumcised and one for the circumcised? Explain.
- Why was St. Paul upset with St. Peter?

Homework:

Chapter1

- Why did the Lord Jesus Christ give Himself for our sins?
- From where did St. Paul receive the Gospel he preached?
- This letter of St. Paul was written to the churches of a) Ephesus b) Laodicea c) Galatia
- How long did St. Paul stay with St. Peter? A) 5 days b) 10 days c) 15 days

Chapter 2

- Who went with St. Paul to Jerusalem? A) Barnabas b) Titus c) Barnabas and Titus
- Who seemed to be the pillars of the church?
a) St. James b) Cephas c) St. John d) all of the above
- Who went with St. Paul to Jerusalem?
- Who were the pillars of the Church as described by St. Paul?

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