

DO YOU WANT TO BE FREE?

STICKING TO YOUR GUNS

Galatians 2:1-16

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But it was because of the false brethren who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you. Galatians 2:4-5

Is Paul's gospel of grace able to stand up to the fire?

1. It is able to stand up to the attacks of works.

- A. Some tried to undermine the gospel with the Law.
But certain ones of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses." Acts 15:5

- B. Peter affirmed that grace alone saves.
"But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are." Acts 15:11

But not even Titus who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. Galatians 2:3

2. It is able to stand up to the attacks of false brethren.

- A. Those who attacked Paul's gospel were not saved.
- B. Satan plants tares among the wheat to cause trouble.
And He answered and said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. Matthew 13:37-39

3. It is able to stand up to the attacks of compromise.

A. Peer pressure can cause even godly people to compromise.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. Galatians 2:11-12

B. We dare not compromise with the truth.

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" Galatians 2:14

Would you ask God to help you be courageous and tenacious with the gospel of grace?