

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

## WHEN IT'S OKAY TO MAKE WAVES IN THE CHURCH

Pastor Roger Poupart // Galatians 2:1-10

### PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. 2 It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4 But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. 5 But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you. 6 But from those who were of high reputation (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me. 7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised 8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles), 9 and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 They only asked us to remember the poor—the very thing I also was eager to do.



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## GROW IN THE WORD

- Who are the false brothers, and what is their different gospel? Pay attention to verses 3 and 4. See also Acts 15:1-5.

- Where have you felt pressure from those inside or outside the church to add something to the gospel of grace in Christ? If you've experienced this, what did you do and learn? If not, how would you respond?

**02.** Paul described how the church leaders in Jerusalem recognized the grace God had given to him. James, Peter (Cephas), and John affirmed Paul's ministry to the Gentiles, just as Peter was entrusted with the gospel to the Jews. They offered fellowship to Paul and Barnabas and encouraged them to continue in their ministry and remember the poor (v. 6-10).

- How do the apostles and men of reputation respond to Paul and his gospel?

## GROW IN THE WORD

- Why is the apostles' response to Paul and his gospel significant? Consider again the main argument Paul is trying to make about his gospel. See Gal. 1:11-12.
  
- Paul ministered to Gentile believers whose worship and practice looked very different from Jewish believers. Despite their differences, they experienced "fellowship" because they held the gospel in common. How does this passage help you "extend the right hand of fellowship" to other believers whose worship and practice might look differently than yours?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, October 20 | 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship at Morgan's Wonderland during our annual picnic! Admission to the park, including new attractions, is free and we will have food trucks onsite if you'd prefer not bringing in your own lunch. Learn more online.

### HYMN SING

October 27 | 5 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall

Come join us for an evening of hymns as we worship God in song. All ages are invited and we look forward to this time to come together in worship and prayer.