

# Scripture Consulting Essentials

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## Galatians 1:13-2:21

### The Working Translation from *A Journey through the Acts and Epistles*

<sup>13</sup> Certainly you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism how excessively I was persecuting the Church of God and ravaging it.

<sup>14</sup> I was also advancing in Judaism beyond many of my national contemporaries, being much more zealous of my ancestral traditions.

<sup>15</sup> However, when God, Who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* by His grace, was pleased

<sup>16</sup> to reveal His Son in me so that I might proclaim the gospel *regarding* him among the Gentile nations, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood.

<sup>17</sup> I did not go to Jerusalem to them *who were* apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and *then* I returned again to Damascus.

<sup>18</sup> Then, after three years, I went to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and I stayed with him fifteen days.

<sup>19</sup> However, I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the lord's brother.

<sup>20</sup> (What I write to you, behold, before God, I do not lie.)

<sup>21</sup> Afterward, I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia,

<sup>22</sup> and I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea that *were* in Christ.

<sup>23</sup> They had only heard, "He who formerly persecuted us now proclaims the gospel *of the [right way of]* believing, which he formerly ravaged,"

<sup>24</sup> and they were glorifying God in me.

### **Galatians 2:**

<sup>1</sup> Then, fourteen years later, I went again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and I also took along Titus.

<sup>2</sup> I went *there* by revelation and laid before them the gospel that I herald among the Gentile nations, but privately to those who seemed *to be of reputation* lest somehow I would run or had run in vain

<sup>3</sup> (however, not even my companion Titus, who was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised)

<sup>4</sup> and [*I did it privately*] because of the sneaky false brothers who sneaked in to spy on our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus in order to put us in bondage.

<sup>5</sup> Not for a moment did we yield in submission to them so that the truth of the gospel might remain constant with you.

<sup>6</sup> Of those who seemed to be something *of reputation*, whatever they once were, it makes no difference to me. God is not a respecter of persons. In fact, those who seemed *to be of reputation* contributed nothing to me.

<sup>7</sup> Quite the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcision even as Peter *had been entrusted with the gospel* to the circumcision

<sup>8</sup> (for He Who energized in Peter for the apostleship of the circumcision also energized in me for the Gentiles),

<sup>9</sup> and when they knew about the grace that was given to me, *then* James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars *by reputation*, gave to me and Barnabas the right *hands* of fellowship that we *go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcision.

<sup>10</sup> *They only asked* that we would remember the poor, which I was most diligent to do.

<sup>11</sup> However, when Cephas came to Antioch, I resisted him to the face, because he was at fault

<sup>12</sup> in that before certain *people* came from James he [*Cephas*] was eating with the Gentiles, but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself [*from the Gentiles*] because he feared those *who were* of the circumcision.

<sup>13</sup> Likewise, the rest of the Judeans also joined in the hypocrisy with him with the result that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

<sup>14</sup> However, when I saw that “they are not walking uprightly” with a view to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before all, “If you, who are a Judean, live like a Gentile and not like a Judean, *then* how can you compel the Gentiles to Judaize?”

<sup>15</sup> We *who are* Judeans by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles

<sup>16</sup> and who know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through believing concerning Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus so that we might be justified by believing concerning Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no flesh will be justified.

<sup>17</sup> If, while we were seeking to be justified in Christ, even we ourselves were found *to be* sinners, then *is* Christ a minister of sin? May it not be!

<sup>18</sup> Surely, if I rebuild those *things* that I *once* dismantled, *then* I show myself *to be* a transgressor [*of the law*].

<sup>19</sup> However, through the law, I died to the law so that I might live to God.

<sup>20</sup> With Christ I have been crucified and I live no longer, but living in me is Christ. So what I now live in the flesh I live by believing concerning the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

<sup>21</sup> I do not reject the grace of God. Moreover, if justness *is* through the law, then Christ died for no reason.