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**The Liberating Effects Of The Gospe**l

Galatians 2:1-10

**Key truth:** The gospel of grace, when embraced, can free Christians from many years of legalistic strongholds.

1. Confronting the enemies of grace.

 A. Not everyone teaches a liberating gospel. **Acts 15:6-11**

 B. Sometimes speaking the truth is better than seeking

 peace.

2. The gospel frees us from outside intimidation.

 A. Armed with the truth protects us from detractors.

 B. The gospel of faith in Jesus Christ is worth preserving.

3. The gospel of Jesus Christ is immutable.

 A. One gospel with different ministries to share it.

 B. The gospel of grace will free anyone who believes.

 C. The gospel gives us the liberty to minister to all

 ethnicities.

4. Society could benefit greatly from a unified gospel.

 A. Pleasing Jesus should be our motivation for ministry.

 B. A unified body reinforces the evangelical mission.

 C. The poor can benefit greatly from a unified gospel.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Practice walking this week in the grace of Jesus Christ. Exercise your liberating knowledge of the gospel of grace by faith in Jesus Christ to share Him with someone you my encounter.

**Food For Thought**

Read Galatians 2:1-10: How would you explain Paul’s goal in this situation?

How would you summarize Paul’s approach? How is this different from how you might react in a similar situation?

Read Galatians 2:11-14: How had Peter compromised his freedom in Christ? To who or what was he enslaving himself?

How is living under the law related to living in fear of people? How are both opposed to living in freedom?

Read Galatians 2:15-21: What is the common need of both groups named in these verses? Who is the only person who can meet that need?

Why is it important to see ourselves on equal ground as those in need of salvation?

How are the words “justified” and “faith” used in the passage?