



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of September 5 & 6, 2020*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

Galatians 2:1-5

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiKaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

The Apostle Paul continues the defense of his gospel message by recounting the confirmation he received from the church in Jerusalem as well as his absolute refusal to submit to "false brothers" within the Jerusalem church who were seeking to enslave the believers by adding circumcision as a requirement for salvation.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. The goal of the Book of Galatians is "*that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.*" The reason Paul was compelled to defend the Gospel was because false teachers have been infiltrating the church since day 1. Why do you think the gospel has been under attack since the very beginning? In what ways have false teachers tried to distort the gospel? In what ways have false teachers infiltrated the church at large today?
2. After 14 years of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles. Paul returns to Jerusalem and discovers that the gospel message in Jerusalem has remained pure, in spite of false teachers trying to infiltrate the church. Two thousand years later, the pure Gospel is still being preached. What does

this tell you about the enduring nature of God's gospel? What does this tell you about the need for Christians to know and preach a true Gospel? How do you know you have the true Gospel?

3. Circumcision and obedience to the Law were marks to distinguish God's people from the rest of the world. The problem with humanity, however, is that we see our distinctions as a way to elevate ourselves above others. We think so highly of ourselves that we judge and want to make others become just like us. Although circumcision and obedience to the Mosaic Law have lost their significance in the 21st century, what are some spiritual practices Christians still use to fuel their pride by trying to make "lesser Christians" become just like them? What kept Paul from elevating himself above others..what kept Paul humble?
4. Paul never lost the wonder of his salvation - that a sinner like himself could be given eternal life because the sinless Son of God had suffered and bled and died for his sin. Paul never lost that wonder and neither should we. Pastor Dan said that kind of wonder is how you know when you really believe the gospel. How would you describe Paul's "wonder"? Have you ever experienced that wonder? If so, have you lost that wonder?
5. False teachers who say that Jesus Christ is not enough, and that you must add some kind of work in order to be saved, are actually leading people into slavery. Why is a "works based salvation" similar to slavery? How does the Gospel set you free?