

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VII – The Apostolic Mission
Lesson 19 – The Ministry of the 12th Apostle – Paul (Part 6)

I. Opposition to Paul's ministry

A. Paul wrote Galatians from Antioch in Syria after encountering the 'Judaizers' from Judea (Acts 14:28 – 15:2).

1. After establishing the churches of Galatia on his first mission trip.
2. Before the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:4-31) otherwise Paul would have mentioned it and the Apostolic Letter (vss. 23-29) to help correct the error.

B. In the book of Galatians, Paul argues for the true Gospel based on:

1. The source of his Apostleship – from Christ (Gal. 1:1)
2. The source of his Gospel message – from Christ (Gal. 1:11-24)
3. The affirmation of his message and mission by the other Apostles (Gal. 2:1-10)
4. Theological arguments from the Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants (Gal. 3:3-4)

C. 2 Corinthians shows that the Judaizers' influence had reached all the way to Greece.

1. 2 Cor. 3:1-18 The Judaizers preached the 'ministry of death' but Paul preached the New Covenant by the holy Breath.
2. 2 Cor. 10:8-15 Paul's authority and assigned ministry was being openly challenged.
3. 2 Cor. 11:12-15, 22-28 The 'false Apostles' had no authority, but had 'transformed themselves' into so-called 'Apostles.'
4. 2 Cor. 12:11-15 Paul's proof of his Apostleship from Christ was the ability to impart spiritual gifts.
5. 2 Cor. 13:1-3 The Corinthians were seeking 'proof.'