

1. It takes _____ before men. (vv. 1-2)

Paul's _____ and the gospel he preaches are under attack.

But Paul's main concern was not his _____, rather it was the success of the gospel in reaching the Gentiles.

Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo in North Africa in the 4th Century A.D. would say, "For those who would _____ God's ways, humility is first, humility is second and humility is third."

2. It takes _____ for the truth. (vv. 3-5)

Their whole goal was to spy out the _____ that the Gentile Christians had and to bring them into bondage.

Paul wouldn't _____ to these legalists at all.

But it was not because Paul was _____ as a person, or because of circumcision itself.

Anything to _____ to those who need Christ, but not an hour of patience for the legalistic false teachers.

3. It takes _____ on God. (vv. 6-10)

Paul wasn't depending on the _____ in Jerusalem.

Paul's dependence and his highest _____ are placed in God, not in men.

But what, objectively, happened as a result of this strong opposition that God allowed?

- Paul himself _____ from the opposition.
- The _____ as a whole benefitted from the conflict, and the resulting agreement and unity.

When we are willing to depend upon God in _____, even the difficult times, God is able to work His will through us.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of Mar. 10, 2019

Getting to Know Me

- If money were no object, which would you rather do, take a week to raft down the Colorado River, camping along the banks, or take a week to see the shows on Broadway, staying in a fine hotel? Why?

- Spring is just around the corner. Do you more look forward to its beauty or dread its allergies? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Read Acts 15:1-35, the account of the Jerusalem Council. Peter makes an important speech, especially vv. 10-11. What does he mean by saying, "a yoke which neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear." How is that pivotal in the argument against the Judaizers?

- Paul's humility and tenacity for the truth are on display in Galatians. We today stand on the shoulders of Paul, and many other saints, who have gone before us. What would the Church look like today if Paul had not been willing to fight this fight?

- Read James 1:2-12. What specific things did Paul do in Acts 15 and Gal. 1-2 that illustrate what James has told us about how to handle trials?

Application

- Are you having trouble trusting God in a specific trial right now? How might we pray for you?

- What other saints from the past have you been thankful for, personally?