



he was a Greek and meaning that the leaders of the church in Jerusalem did not object to his actions and did not force Titus to be circumcised and this acknowledges that the gospel that Paul was preaching was the same as theirs so even if they even when the leaders of the church did not object to Paul then why still did the other people so verse 4 says this matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves

[12:44] Paul called these people false brothers meaning that they are not true Christians that they had infiltrated into the church the biggest difference between Judaism and Christianity is the freedom within Christ According to Judaism in order to obtain salvation one had to follow various laws and practices and circumcision was on one of these So people who believed in Judaism lived under these laws

But the salvation obtained by Christians is entirely by the grace of God That is Jesus died for us But Paul saw that the motives of these false brothers We're not about whether you should be circumcised or not But about the freedom within Christ People who believed in Jesus no longer lived under these laws But and we did not have to rely on being a good person to be saved This is the truth of the gospel And the foundations of it So these false followers appear to be Christians on the outside

But inside they were in fact followers of Judaism And they wish that Jesus would be a Jew and become controlled by their laws This isn't about differences in culture but about whether it was about the truth So in verse 5 says We did not give in to them for a moment so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you

So in verse 6 and 7 says As for those who seem to be important Whatever they were makes no difference to me God does not judge by external appearance Those men added nothing to my message On the contrary They saw that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles Just as Peter had been to the Jews So Paul said the leaders of the church did not add anything to him And by saying he did not add He means did not add anything to his gospel

So he did not get anything extra So their gospels came from different sources but are the same gospel So verse 8 says For God who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles So God would I mean Paul was called by Jesus to spread the gospel to the Gentiles

