

## GRACE IS...

The Pure Gospel

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### **Galatians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. <sup>2</sup> I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain. <sup>3</sup> Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you. <sup>6</sup> As for those who seemed 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. <sup>10</sup> All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

### **Keep the Gospel Free From Legalism**

### **Keep the Gospel Free from Personality Cults**

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## **Keep the Gospel Free From Dilution**

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## **Keep The Gospel Free From Elitism**

<sup>10</sup> *All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.*

‘We can do no great things, just small things with great love. It is not how much you do, but how much love you put into doing it.’ Mother Teresa