

sermon reflections

Galatians 2:2-5

I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. 4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

1. Why do you think Paul spent so much time going over the details of what happened to him after conversion? What difference does it make to Paul's argument?
2. What was so significant about Titus not being circumcised? How did this preserve the truth of the gospel?
3. When Paul put forward the gospel, what was the result? What is the significance that the Apostles added nothing to Paul?
4. What pressure did Paul and Titus face that was contrary to the gospel? How have you experienced pressure from things contrary to the gospel?
5. Why did Paul have to confront Peter? How was Peter out of step with the gospel? What examples can you think of that are out of step with the gospel?