

An Overview of Galatians 2

Defending the Gospel of Grace: Freedom, Unity, and Justification by Faith



Paul's Visit to Jerusalem (Galatians 2:1–10)

- **The Journey:** Fourteen years after his conversion, Paul travels to Jerusalem alongside Barnabas and Titus, a Greek Gentile believer.
- **No Compulsory Circumcision:** False teachers pressure Titus to be circumcised to conform to Jewish law, but Paul refuses to yield, proving Gentile believers are accepted by faith without the Law.
- **Apostolic Recognition:** Influential leaders—James, Peter (Cephas), and John—recognize Paul's calling to preach to the Gentiles, affirm his message, and extend the right hand of fellowship.



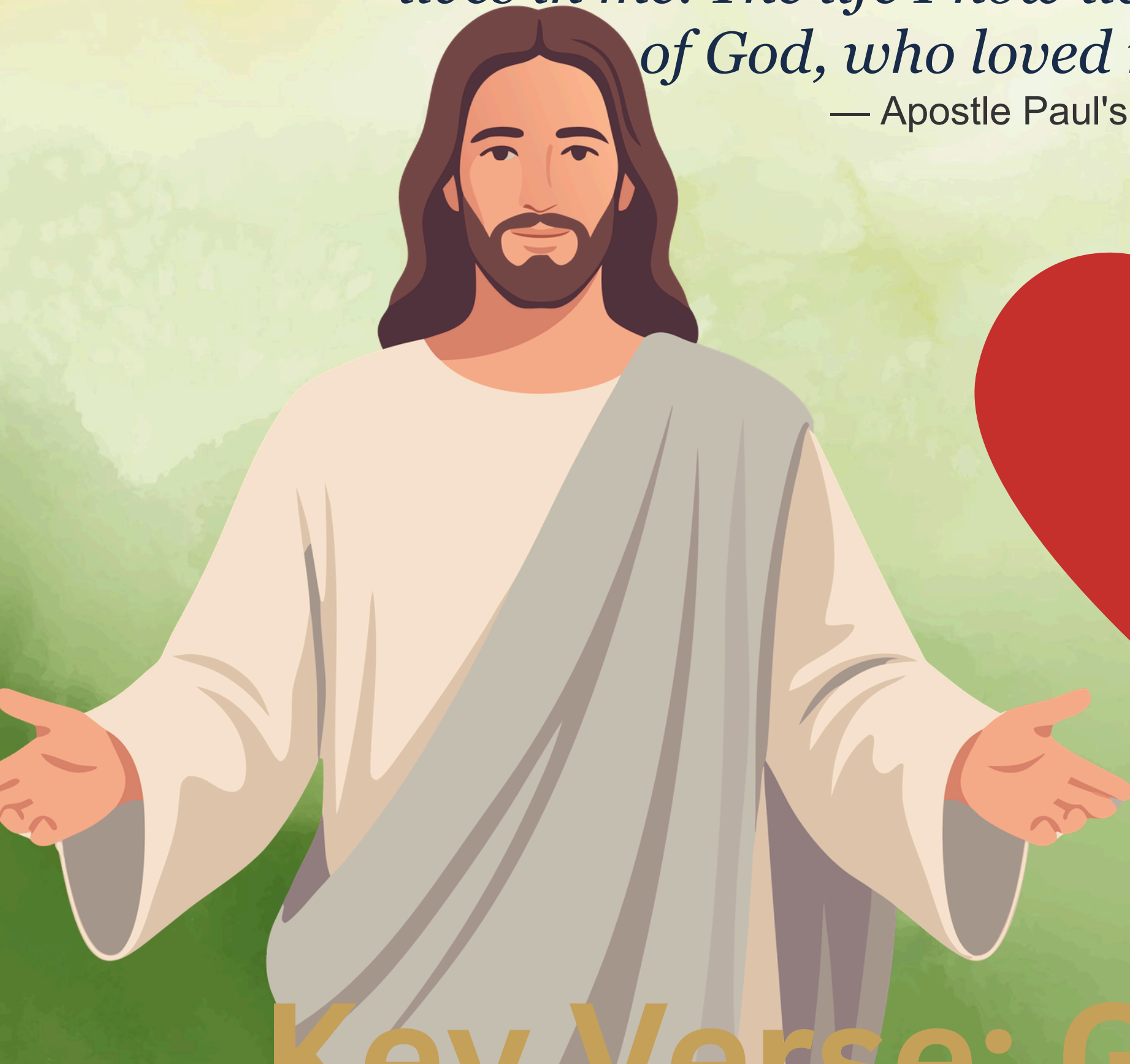
Paul Confronts Peter (Galatians 2:11–21)

- **Peter's Hypocrisy:** Peter previously ate with Gentile Christians, but when certain Jewish believers arrive from Jerusalem, he withdraws out of fear of the circumcision party, influencing Barnabas and others to do the same.
- **The Public Rebuke:** Paul confronts Peter to his face, explaining that his actions contradict the truth of the gospel by forcing Gentiles to live like Jews.
- **Justification by Faith Alone:** Paul states the central theme of the chapter: a person is made right with God (*justified*) through faith in Jesus Christ, not by the works of the law.



"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

— Apostle Paul's summary of his new life in Christ



Key Verse: Galatians 2:20