

# Learning to Learn

Acts 15:1-12

Gal 2:11-16





# Deterrence

## 1. Circumcision



...to the point where  
...how long shall the  
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...they pour out their arrows  
...all the evildoers boast  
...They crush your people, O LORD,  
...and afflict your heritage  
...and murder the fatherless,  
...and they say, "The LORD does not see,  
...the God of Jacob does not perceive."  
8 Understand, O dullest of the people,  
...Fools, when will you be  
9 He who planted the ear,  
...He who formed the eye,  
10 He who disciplines the re-  
...buke?  
11 He who teaches man knowledge,  
...the LORD—knows the thoughts  
...that they are but a breath.  
12 Blessed is the man whom you discipline,  
...O LORD,  
...and whom you teach out of your law,  
13 to give him rest from days of trouble,  
...until a pit is dug for the wicked.  
14 For the LORD will not forsake his people;  
...he will not abandon his heritage;  
15 for justice will return to the righteous,  
...and all the upright in heart will follow it.  
16 Who rises up for me against the wicked?  
...Who stands up for me against evildoers?  
17 If the LORD had not been my help,  
...my soul would soon have lived in the land  
...of silence.  
18 When I thought, "My foot slips,"  
...your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.  
19 When the cares of my heart are many,  
...your consolations cheer my soul.  
20 Can wicked rulers be allied by statute?  
...those who frame injustice by statute?  
21 They band together against the life of the  
...righteous  
...and condemn the innocent to death.  
22 But the LORD has become my stronghold,  
...and my God the rock of my refuge.  
23 He will bring back on them their iniquity,  
...and wipe them out for their wickedness;  
...the LORD our God will wipe them out.



15 Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.”

# 2 Great Dangers

- 1) Righteousness by works
- 2) War



# Deterrence

1. Circumcision

2. Criticisms





# Gal 2:11-13

11 But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong.



## Gal 2:11-13

12 When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision.





Gal 2:11-13  
13 As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

# Acts 15:6-11

6 The apostles and elders met to consider this question.

7 After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them:

“Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe.



8 God, who knows the heart,  
showed that he accepted  
them by giving the Holy Spirit  
to them, just as he did to us.  
9 He did not discriminate  
between us and them, for he  
purified their hearts by faith.





10 Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?

11 No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.”

# Acts 15:14 - 16

14 When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, “Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?”





15 “You and I are Jews by birth,  
not ‘sinners’ like the Gentiles.

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16 Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.”



Criticisms pushes us  
toward self-  
preservation, instead  
of selfless  
proclamation for  
Jesus.





# Deterrence

1. Circumcision
2. Criticisms
3. Challenging God



What seems to be  
good in the past  
may not necessarily  
be what God wants  
for the future.



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4. Confirms



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5. Conversion







# Deterrence

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4. Encouragement
5. Confirms
6. Convinced

Verse 12 – Everyone listened quietly as Barnabas and Paul told about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.





# Deterrence

1. Circumcision
2. Criticisms
3. Challenging God
4. Encouragement
5. Confirms
6. Convinced
7. Christ

## Gal 2:16

Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we made right with God because of our faith in Christ, not because we have obeyed the law, for no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law.



LEARNING TO LEARN  
LEARNING TO LEAN  
on God  
LEARNING TO LEAVE  
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