

Gal. 2:1, 6-10

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Gal 2:1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also.

Gal 2:6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed *to be somewhat* in conference added nothing to me:

Gal 2:7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision was unto Peter;

Gal 2:8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

Gal 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, **they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.**



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WHICH ONES DO WE "ENFORCE" ?
WHO DECIDES ?
WHAT VERSE SAYS SO ?

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Q: Can't we all just get along? I say we just forget that list. And *fast!*

A:

Rev 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars...

A: Did you know that YOU have YOUR lines of fellowship TOO? Yes you do!

The only questions are, WHERE will they be. And HOW will you determine them – by feeling, or by Scripture?



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Q: Why do we personally have to judge at all? Why is it our place?

A: To know who to preach to.

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

A: The church is the pillar of the truth.

**A: There is a "confession" issue too.
1 Pet. 4:11.**



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Q: How about using BAPTISM as our line of fellowship?

A:

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

1Ti 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables...

A: Did the apostles extend the right hand to every person who had ever been baptized? NO.



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Q: How about "Agreement in Every Matter Of Faith" being the test for fellowship?

A:

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Rom 14:20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offense.

Rom 14:21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Rom 14:22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

Rom 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

A: Did the apostles deny the right hand to everyone who got a doctrine wrong? NO.



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Q: How about “Agreement in Every Matter of Serious Moral Importance” being the test for fellowship?

A:

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

A: Vegetarianism *could* be a test of fellowship. That’s not a “serious moral issue.”

A: Do we divide over the war question?



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Q: I give up! What IS the common denominator with bona fide fellowship issues such as ... tongues, 1000 year reign, the Pope, women elders, etc?

A:
Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all **readiness of mind**, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.
Act 17:12 **Therefore** many of them **believed**; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

A: Dissenters on these issues are clearly being stubborn and unreasonable.



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Q: Who decides what is stubborn and unreasonable?

A:

1Ti 6:3 **If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words,** even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

1Ti 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings.

1Ti 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such **withdraw thyself.**

A: YOU do! Just like Timothy did.

A: The church does. Matt. 18:15-18.

A: But God will bring us into judgment for these things (Eccl 12:14) and time will make clear who the Lord blesses (1Cor 4:5)

