

Champions/Women of Destiny

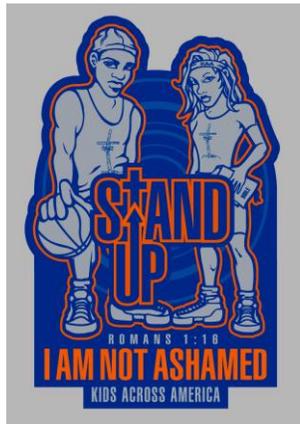
Year 2 LESSON 14



Stand Up!

Stand up, Stand up, Represent like you wit it and know what's up! Stand up, Stand up, and put the cross on the move like man what!-Lecrae

Read Galatians 1:10 to 2:21



In 2005, our theme for KAA was Stand Up! Lecrae Moore was just beginning his Christian Hip Hop ministry as a way to communicate truth to this generation. On his song, Stand Up, he challenged us, “I just came to tell you don’t be scared, Preach the Word everywhere you go and let the truth be heard.”

To hear the song he wrote for KAA, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWIV1cC4qqg>

Lecrae Understood Paul. He preached his message.

As you remember from the last lesson, Paul had preached that salvation comes only by grace through faith alone, and not by the works of the Law. This strong stance he took on the gospel message was strongly criticized by a group called Judaizers. These men criticized Paul also for not being a genuine apostle or one of Jesus’ original 12.

The Apostles were those men set apart with divine authority to take the Gospel to the Jews first and then to the non-Jews called Gentiles. They were the ones who personally saw the resurrected Christ, they were eye-witnesses of His resurrection and were commanded to preach the Gospel to establish an assembly of other believers (*which we today call the Church*).

Paul claimed equal authority with these Apostles (see Galatians 1:1). The Judaizers also criticized Paul’s message of salvation by grace through faith because it didn’t include legalistic requirements of the Mosaic Law. These criticisms didn’t phase Paul the way it did from those churches which Paul had founded who were also questioning whether he was the real deal apostle. As a matter-of-fact, these Christians began to wonder if Paul was only telling them the partial truth about this Gospel of Grace. Was there more? Paul defended himself and the message he was preaching and teaching about in three important ways. Make sure you get this.

A few Vocabulary Words

Grace: God giving me a free gift that I don’t deserve.

Faith: trusting what Christ has done to save me from my sin.

Law: A list of rules given to Moses from God. We call them the 10 commandments.

Justified: God declaring a guilty sinner not guilty. Only God can do this.

Paul Stand's Up

1. For His Calling by God
2. For His Comrades
3. For Correcting Peter and then confronted him

His Calling: Galatians 1:11-24

Paul shared about his salvation experience. Remember, prior to his conversion Paul had persecuted the Church (1:13). He ran terror on the Saints, but God got ahold of him (1:15) and changed his purpose and destiny. He then changed from Saul the madman to Paul the preacher (1:11-12, 15-16, 23). Because of his divine calling, Paul felt strongly compelled to please God rather than men (1:10), enforcing his commitment to his call instead of compromising. Let's park here a minute.



Do you stand up for who God has called you to be now or are you still being dragged down by your friends and your flesh? Don't just listen to songs about it, do it...shake your friends and flesh off.

His Comrades: Galatians 2:1-10

A number of years after Paul's conversion he returned to Jerusalem (his first trip to Jerusalem had been to visit Peter) with Barnabas and Titus. Barnabas, known for his missionary work in Antioch, defended Paul as an Apostle. Titus was a Greek who had been converted under Paul's leadership. It was in Jerusalem where Paul spoke to several influential religious leaders about the gospel message he had preached to the Gentiles. The leaders accepted Paul's message and gave him and Barnabas **the right hand of fellowship** (*some of you do this in your churches for new members*) through Peter (Cephas), James and John. This is also where they commissioned Paul and Barnabas to go and take this message to the Gentiles (2:7-9).



Who are you influencing with the Gospel? Are you hanging with people who need to hear the Good News of salvation by Grace through Faith? Do they know that God has provided a way for them to live meaningful lives with an eternal perspective?

His Correction:

In Antioch, Peter fellowshiped with the Christian Gentiles (those who weren't Jewish) when the Judaizers were not in town. But when they came back into town, Peter refused to eat and hang out with the Gentile Christians (2:12). Peter's behavior had also influenced other Jewish believers, including Barnabas of all people (2:13).

Paul confronted Peter about his hypocrisy. We can't go around treating people one way and then another when a different audience shows up. God is not pleased with any kind of hypocrisy (being two-faced).

THE CORE OF PAUL'S MESSAGE

STAND UP

The gospel of Grace emphasizes that the law cannot secure salvation for anyone, although the law is still important. However, Paul taught that a person becomes a child of God when he/she is justified.

To be justified is to be declared not guilty because of Jesus' death on your behalf. Sometimes the word justified is compared with the word forgiven, but its meaning covers another aspect of our salvation from sin. Justified means not only that our sin has been forgiven, but also that we have been declared righteous in God's sight. **(Can you handle this? Yeah!)**

The law, however, can never make us acceptable to God. It reminds us of how far we have fallen and how we can never measure up to God's expectation with our own merits. **Justification breaks the chains of the law and presents us not guilty!** It is the only way to gain a righteous standing before an all-righteous God (Romans 4:4-5).

Therefore, we who are saved in Christ are dead to the law (Galatians 2:19) and our penalty for breaking the law has been paid by the atoning death of Christ on the cross. As a result, the penalty for our sin has been paid and we are no longer guilty. We have been crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20).



Memory Verse: Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Living Out the Lesson

In the space below, list a couple of your experiences when you stood up for what's right and then what happened. Were you criticized for doing right? Did you handle the situation according to the Word of God (that you will obey God rather than men)?

1. _____

2. _____



Share your answers with your Mentor



Peer pressure can be used for good, but often times, it is not. Peter, for example, gave in to the peer pressure of the Judaizers concerning his relationship with Gentile Christians. Like the Judaizers, your peers may pressure you to participate in activities that displease the Lord and others.



**PEER
PRESSURE**

The key to winning the battle over peer pressure is in having a battle plan before the initial attack. Although some situations cannot be anticipated, many can. And we need to **plan ahead how we will react to those situations and then determine in our hearts to follow that plan**. Facing the pressure without a battle plan usually ends in failure.



Think It Over

Think about the negative pressures that you face. Find a Bible command or principle that tells you how to react. Share this with your Mentor.

Now watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9Y9bA20UIM>

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LESSON 14 Review Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/w8kGUtDtHeDiEnKR8>

Student name _____
(PRINT CLEARLY)

1. What two things did the Judaizers criticize Paul about?
2. List Paul's three defenses.
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3. True/false. Pleasing other men was the first of Paul's concerns.
4. Multiple Choice. Justified means:
 - a) to be indwelt with the Holy Spirit at salvation
 - b) to be spared from deserving punishment
 - c) because of Jesus' death, God declares us not guilty
 - d) to be circumcised on the eighth day
5. True/False. Peter corrected Paul because he had been hypocritical in his relationship with Gentile Christians.
6. Which two men accompanied Paul on his second visit to Jerusalem?
7. Multiple Choice. Who was known for his missionary work at Antioch? a. Barnabas
b. Peter c. Titus d. Paul
8. Fill in the blanks. "The law simply locks us in its _____ and throws away the _____."
9. True/False. Peter's hypocrisy was personal and didn't affect other Christians.