

Are You Okay?

OPENING QUESTION

How can you tell that someone is an Adventist?

READ Galatians 2:1–21.

1. What is the Gospel to the Gentiles (vs. 2) vs. the Gospel to the Jews?

- A. There's no difference.
- B. Gentiles don't need to be circumcised.
- C. For Jews, Jesus is the Messiah.
- D. For Gentiles, Jesus is the Savior.
- E. Gentiles have no hang ups about the Jewish system and culture.
- F. Jesus fulfills everything in Judaism for the Jews.
- G. The Gospel is the same, but it needs cultural context.
- H. Gentiles appreciate a loving God; Jews want a powerful God.
- I. Other.

2. What would have happened if the evangelistic teams were paired as: Paul and Peter; Barnabas and John; Titus and James?

- A. It would be no different.
- B. It wouldn't work—mixing Gentile evangelists with Jewish evangelists.
- C. There's no way of knowing since it didn't happen that way.
- D. Such teams would have a Jewish emphasis or a Gentile emphasis.
- E. The New Testament writings would be different.
- F. God would have sent more revelations.
- G. That would be like teaming a non-SDA with an SDA.
- H. Other.

3. What do you do differently when people from your church are around?

- A. Nothing.
- B. Nothing that I'm aware of.
- C. Everything.
- D. Some things; but they aren't really important.
- E. I'm on my best behavior.
- F. I talk differently.
- G. I eat or drink differently.
- H. It just feels different.
- I. Other.

4. What are some of your blind spots with fellow believers?

- A. I don't have any blind spots.
- B. How would I know?
- C. It's easy for me to talk "Adventese."
- D. Expecting fellow believers to think the same way I do.
- E. Sometimes I refer to "us" and "them."
- F. A feeling of being God's special people.
- G. Being confident that we have "the truth."
- H. A sense that we need to convert non-Adventists into Adventists.
- I. Other.

5. What does it mean to "die to the law" (vs. 19)?

- A. Give up on trying to perfectly follow every item in the law.
- B. Crucify the drive to earn salvation by obedience.
- C. Give up on trying to obey God.
- D. Replace obedience to the law with Christ's forgiveness.
- E. Change my focus from law to Christ.
- F. Copy Jesus rather than the written codes of conduct.
- G. Keep the law as a guide but not as a means of salvation.
- H. Other.

6. Why does Paul sound so opposed to the law?

- A. Paul has his own issues.
- B. Some people rely on the law instead of relying on Christ.
- C. Those promoting the law wormed their way into churches.
- D. Paul really wasn't opposed to the law; that's just how some read it.
- E. This was an issue only in the province of Galatia.
- F. The law hasn't saved anyone; but Jesus does.
- G. The law gives an external illusion of clarity, control, and limits.
- H. Other.

7. Do you sense that you are called to share Jesus with the "circumcised" or with the "uncircumcised" (or both)?

8. Paraphrase or explain *verse 20*: