

JUDAIZERS VERSUS PAUL / *Acts 15:2*

As the debate raged between the Gentile Christians and the Judaizers, Paul found it necessary to write to the churches in Galatia. The Judaizers were trying to undermine Paul's authority. The debate over Jewish laws and Gentile Christians was officially resolved at the Jerusalem council.

What the Judaizers said about Paul

They said he was perverting the truth.

They said he was a traitor to the Jewish faith.

They said he compromised and diluted his message for the Gentiles.

They said he was disregarding the law of Moses.

Paul's defense

He had received his message from Christ himself (Acts 9:15; Galatians 1:11-12).

He was one of the most dedicated Jews of his time. Yet, in the midst of one of his most zealous acts, God had transformed him through a revelation of the good news about Jesus (Acts 9:1-30; Galatians 1:13-16).

The other apostles declared that the message Paul was preaching was the true gospel (Acts 9:28; Galatians 2:1-10).

Far from degrading the law, Paul put the law in its proper place. He wrote that it shows people where they have sinned and points them to Christ (Galatians 3:19-29).