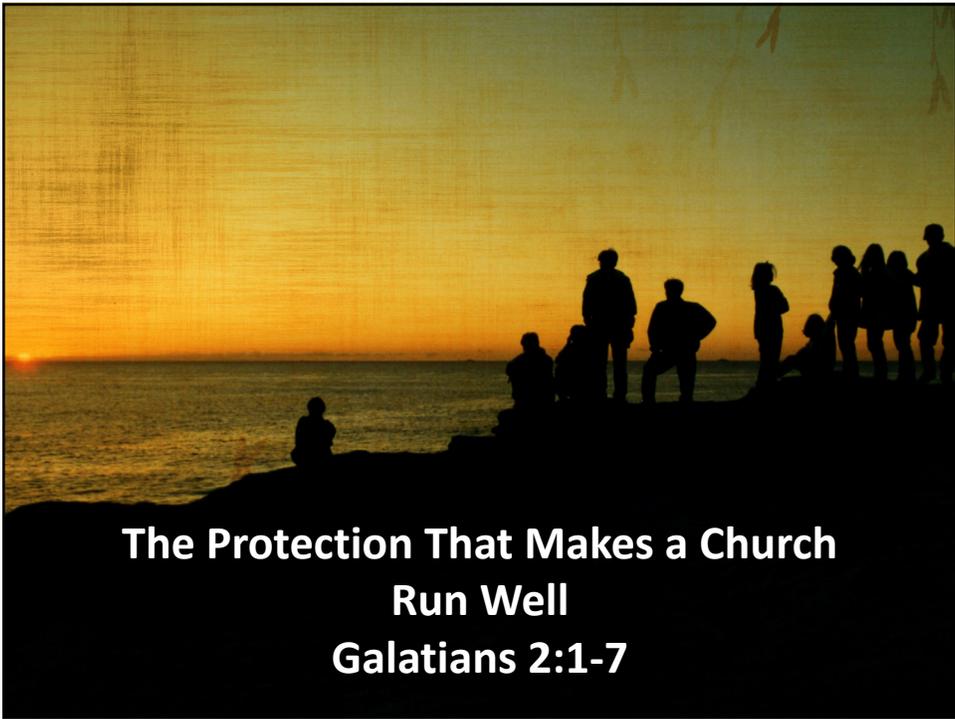




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*Introductory Thoughts*

**The old distinctive sound of the truth of the gospel must always ring loud and clear.**

**The old distinctive sound of the truth of the gospel can be taken from us.**

**The old distinctive sound of truth of the gospel was protected then and can be now in certain ways.**

3

*By Recognizing False Brethren – Verse 4*

**Considering everything genuine is naive and dangerous.**

*Galatians 2:4 – 2 Corinthians 11:26.*

**Considering everything genuine is all too common today.**

*2 Timothy 2:2-4 – 2 Peter 2:1 – Acts 20:28-30.*

4

***By Recognizing False Brethren – Verse 4***

**Considering brethren subject to error does not justify cynicism, but caution.**

***1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 – Acts 17:11 – 1 John 4:1***

5

***By Resisting Disastrous Compromises – Verse 5***

**Compromising one point of the truth of the gospel is out of the question.**

***James 3:17***

**Compromising truth is Satan's most effective weapon.**

***1 Corinthians 5:6-7 – Luke 9:62***

**Compromising keeps one from giving all to the Lord.**

***Mark 12:30 – 1 Corinthians 15:58***

***James 2:10 – 2 Corinthians 2:9***

6

***By Refraining from Personality Worship – Verse 6***

**Paying more attention to who said it, than authority  
by which he said it.**

**Paying more attention to personality,  
accomplishments, and abilities than content of  
preaching.**

7

***By Realizing the Fickleness of Brethren***

**Even strongest of brethren will disappoint at times.**

***Galatians 2:11-16***

**Even closest of brethren will turn on us at times.**

***Galatians 4:12-17***

8

***Closing Remarks***

**We can protect the truth of the gospel, if:**

- We will face reality about our brethren.*
- We will deal realistically (firmly and kindly) with all brethren.*
- We will seek to help all brethren rather than becoming bitter and quitting.*

**We can protect the truth of the gospel by always preaching and obeying it ourselves.**