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Topic: The Church Infiltrated

Text: Galatians 2:1-5

1. The reality that the church of Galatia had to confront is that false brethren infiltrated the church. While we should keep infiltration out of the church, we cannot be constantly suspicious of our brethren. Identifying and dealing with infiltration must be based on God's Word and not our standards.

2. The word "infiltration" suggests that false brethren will come in secretly ("privily" in v4). They seek to spy out the liberty which we have in Christ, implying that they do not possess the same liberty and can only observe. They also try to bring us into bondage and pull us away from Christ, and hence, diminish our testimony for Christ.

3. There must be no giving into infiltration and false brethren. Infiltration must be dealt with in truth and with a heart for the Gospel and God's people (v5).

*Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armour on, strong in the strength which God supplies thro' his eternal Son.*

*- Charles Wesley*