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**LESSON** **4**: “The Work of the Gospel” **Date**: Sept 14/Sept 28, 2014

**TEXT:** Galatians 2:1-10

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  1. ***Paul’s pattern (v. 5)***

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