



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

The Source of Paul's Gospel

Bible Reading: Galatians 1:11 - 17; Acts 9:1 - 6

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Paul's Gospel was Not of Human Origin (Gal. 1:11-12a)

It Came By a Revelation of Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:12b)

Paul's Life Before Meeting Jesus (Galatians 1:13-14)

- A. Intensely persecuting God's church (Gal. 1:13; Acts 22:4; 26:9-10; Phil. 3:6)
1. In Paul's estimation, Jesus was a false Messiah who was cursed by God (Deut. 21:23)
 2. In Paul's estimation, Christians were a threat to the nation of Israel & deserved to be punished (Acts 8:1, 3; 9:1-2)
 3. Paul saw himself as following earlier Jewish defenders of the nation's purity (Num. 25:1-13; 1 Kgs. 18:40)
 4. Only God could reach him in his state
- B. Wholeheartedly devoted to the traditions of his ancestors (Gal. 1:14; Ac. 22:3; 26:4-5; Phil. 3:5)

Paul's Life Was Suddenly & Completely Changed (Acts 9:1-6; Gal. 1:15-16a)

- A. When least expected

- B. Because Paul met the resurrected Jesus (Acts 9:1–6)
 - 1. What Paul may have expected to hear from God: “Well done! Thank you!”
 - 2. What really happened: “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”
 - 3. The outward things that God does do not lead to lasting life change
 - 4. The inward revelation of Jesus in Paul (Gal. 1:15–16a)
 - 1. Was Jesus crucified? Yes!
 - 2. Was Jesus cursed by God on the cross? Yes!
 - 3. But, Jesus is alive!
 - 4. God has vindicated him
- C. Paul is called to preach to the Gentiles (Gal. 1:16b; Acts 26:17b–18; 2 Cor. 4:1–6)
- D. A divine act of grace

Paul's Life As A Result of Meeting Jesus (Galatians 1:16b-18a)

- A. Driven to bring the gospel revealed to him to everyone he met, especially non-Jews
- B. Not immediately consulting with anyone
- C. Not going up to Jerusalem to the other apostles
- D. Going into Arabia
- E. Returning to Damascus
- F. Then after three years going to Jerusalem

Application

- A. We aren't Paul
- B. Seeing outwardly won't change you
- C. Has Jesus Christ revealed himself “in” you?
- D. Being faithful to reach others with the good news of Jesus Christ