

Paul And The Gospel Of Christ

Galatians 1:13-17

Intro:

- A. Paul considered himself a pattern.
 - 1. Paul was a sinner. **I Tim. 1:15**
 - 2. Paul was saved. **Vs. 16a**
 - 3. He was a pattern of God's longsuffering. **Vs. 16b**
- B. Paul tells the Galatians of his experience.
 - 1. This will vindicate his claims.
 - 2. It will encourage them.

I. Paul Before He Received The Gospel. **Vs. 13-14**

- A. **Vs. 13 "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it."**
 - 1. "For you have heard of my earlier career in Judaism."
 - 2. "Beyond measure" = ὑπερβολη = "throwing beyond".
 - 3. "Persecuted" = διωκω = "to pursue", "to hunt".
 - 4. "Wasted" = πορθεω = "to ravage", as soldiers would destroy a city.
- B. **Vs. 14 "And profited in the Jews religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers."**
 - 1. "Profited" = προκοπτω = "to blaze a trail".
 - 2. "Religion" = θρησκεια = "observance", "the outward ceremonial service of religion", "the external form".
 - 3. "Equals" = συνηλικιωτης = "an equal in age".
 - 4. "Exceedingly" = περισσεως = "more in degree or number".
 - 5. "Zealous" = ζηλωτης = "zeal out of jealousy".
 - 6. "Traditions" = παραδοσις = "delivery", "from one to another".

II. Paul's Call To Service. **Vs. 15-18**

- A. **Vs. 15 "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace."**
 - 1. "Pleased" = ευδοκεω = "to be well pleased".
 - 2. "Separated" = αφοριζω = "to mark off from others with a boundary", "to set apart".

3. "But when God, who had set me apart even before my birth, and called me by his love". TCNT
- B. **Vs. 16 "To reveal his son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen;..."**
1. "Reveal" = αποκαλυπτω = "to unveil".
 2. "Preach" = ευανγγελιζω = "to proclaim the glad message".
 3. "To reveal his son within me so that I might proclaim him to the non-Jewish world." Phi
- C. **"...immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood."**
1. "Immediately" = ευθεως = "at once".
 2. "Conferred" = προσανατιθημι = "to place before in addition", "to communicate further".
 3. "I did not talk this over with any other human."
- D. **Vs. 18 Paul did not seek the apostles.**
1. He did not go to Jerusalem.
 2. This would have been expected.
- E. Paul's call to service.
1. In eternity. I Tim. 1:9
 2. Before he was born. Vs. 15
 3. Without works. I Tim. 1:9
 4. At God's good pleasure. Vs. 16