

## The Power Of Conversion

### **Galatians 1:18-24**

#### Intro:

- A. Paul writes of his past life.
  - 1. **Vs. 13** He persecuted the church. (to hunt)
  - 2. **Vs. 13** He wasted the church.
  - 3. **Vs. 14** He was exceedingly zealous.
  - 4. He was singularly successful in the Jew's religion.
  
- B. Paul was saved by God's grace.
  - 1. **Vs. 16** He revealed Jesus to Paul.
  - 2. He revealed Jesus in Paul.
  - 3. **Vs. 17** Jesus met Paul in Arabia and gave him a revelation of Jesus as Lord and the mystery hidden from the ages, Jew and Gentile in the church.
  
- C. God's purpose in Paul.
  - 1. That Paul would preach and teach.
  - 2. That he would become an Apostle to the Gentiles.
  - 3. For God to be glorified in Paul, not for God to glorify Paul.

#### I. Paul Does Go To Jerusalem. **Vs. 18-19**

- A. **Vs. 18** He went to see Peter.
  - 1. He left from Damascus. **Acts 9:23-25**
  - 2. He abode with Peter.
  - 3. He went for fellowship and mutual edification.
  
- B. **Vs. 19** He did not see other Apostles.
  - 1. They were scattered and preaching.
  - 2. James was an influential believer.
  - 3. He believed after the Resurrection. **John 7:5**

#### II. Paul Asserts His Honesty. **Vs. 20**

- A. "Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not."
  - 1. "Lie" = ψευδομαι = "to tell a lie".
  - 2. "And I declare before God I'm writing no lie."  
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- B. **Vs. 12** Paul is referring to his first claim.
  - 1. He did not receive the gospel from man.
  - 2. No man taught it to him.
  - 3. It was by revelation.

#### III. Paul Continues His Work.

- A. He turns back East. **Vs. 21**
  - 1. Syria
  - 2. Cilicia
  
- B. He is not known by sight.
  - 1. He is unknown by face.
  - 2. "Unknown" = αγνοεω = "to be ignorant".
  
- C. He is known by reputation.
  - 1. **Vs. 23** The persecutor of times past.
  - 2. He now preaches what he once destroyed.
  
- D. **Vs. 24** They glorified God in Paul.
  - 1. Paul was converted.
  - 2. Paul was a disciple, a learner.
  - 3. Paul was committed, a slave.
  - 4. He was an ambassador.
  - 5. He was a soldier.
  - 6. All of these speak of obedience.