

Galatians 1:11-2:10

¹¹I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹²I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. ¹⁷I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. ¹⁸Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. ²⁰I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. ²¹Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. ²²I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they praised God because of me.

² Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. ³I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. ⁴Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. ⁵This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. ⁶We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

⁶As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. ⁷On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. ⁸For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. ⁹James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

Freedom in Christ: Gospel of Revelation (Where did the gospel come from?) Galatians 1:11-2:10



- Is the gospel of grace too good to be true?

1. Paul's CLAIM (1:11-12) ¹

The gospel of grace has divine (not human) origin.

2. Paul's EVIDENCE (1:13-2:10)

- Fanaticism pre-conversion (1:13-14) ²
- Transformation at conversion (1:15-16a) ³
- Isolation post-conversion (1:16b-24)
- Confirmation at Jerusalem (2:1-10)
 - o notes compared (2:1-2)
 - o nothing added (2:3-6)
 - o unity celebrated (2:7-10)
- Preserve the gospel of grace
- Proclaim the gospel of grace



¹ Was Saul's name changed to Paul? No. Dual names were common, and Saul (his Hebrew name) was Paul (his Roman name)(e.g. Acts 13:9).

² Acts 26:9-11

³ Paul's dramatic encounter with the risen Christ is recorded 3xs (Acts 9:1-25; 22:3-21; 26:1-23).