

Study Questions

Galatians 1:11-17

¹¹ For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.¹³ For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure, and tried to destroy it;¹⁴ and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.¹⁵ But when He who had set me apart, even from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, was pleased¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus. (NASB)

1. *In verses 11-12 Paul states four things about the gospel he preached. What are they?*
2. *What do these four statements teach us regarding how we should view the writings of Paul? See also 2 Pet. 3:15-16*
3. *Our text doesn't directly tell us, but what was it that changed Paul from being a persecutor of the church to a preacher of the gospel?*
4. *Before his conversion, what was Paul zealous for?*
5. *What do you make of Paul's point that he was set apart "even from [his] mother's womb"?*
6. *Thought Question: in what way(s) was Paul called by God's grace?*
7. *What two things did Paul NOT do immediately after his conversion?*