

Paul's Spiritual Autobiography

Galatians 1:13-24

I. His _____ Before Christ. 13-14

Paul's life before Christ reveals how opposed he was to the gospel and how committed he was to Judaism. This particular Jewish faith was _____.

It was committed more to _____ and the _____ of Rabbis than the OT. During Paul's time, Judaism had become a cult, basing salvation on _____.

Paul's purpose before salvation was to persecute the church and attempting to _____ it. The Greeks call this the _____ of a city. He was, thirdly, blazing a path for other Jews to follow. Paul was an extremist for following the _____ additional commandments built around the 10 commandments. He was absolutely committed to _____ law. Paul, once raging for the traditions of the law,

now is standing for _____. How, in heaven's name, could there be such stark contrast between the two systems? Would you please notice the subjects of these verbs? _____.

II. His _____ In Christ. 15-16

Paul's credentials in Judaism were _____. Everything he did was to advance _____. Yet, Paul proclaims that his conversion was not _____ idea. In fact, nothing _____ could have brought about this change. Paul recognizes the _____, the _____ of God in what happen, even the very purpose of his _____.

Paul is saying his message did _____ come from the _____ but from God. This man, Paul, who once hated Jewish Christians, who once saw non-Jewish

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people as _____, was now called to preach to those same _____.

III. His _____ After Conversion. 16-24

Paul didn't take the red eye to _____ after his conversion, he didn't confer with _____ and _____. He recognized Jesus had spoken and didn't stutter. The easiest thing? Paul could simply add Jesus to his Jewish heritage and be done with it.

Paul went to Arabia. Why? Scripture is silent on that but it seems he did so to prepare for his ministry. He possibly went to search the OT in the light of his calling.

After ___ years, he does go to Jerusalem to visit with _____. He also met with _____ the brother of Jesus. Acts 9:29 reveals why his visit was cut short.

Imagine how it must have appeared to others. It was almost _____.

There were some who had seen, heard Paul when he persecuted the church but now? He was preaching the gospel of grace, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The response of the churches to Paul's transformation? They _____ of _____.