

GALATIANS

Chap. 1, verses 11, 12

Paul's Gospel is from Christ

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6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

LAST WEEK:

10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

TODAY:

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.

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In vs. 10 from last week, Paul says he is not striving to be a man-pleaser with a gospel totally ruined by the introduction of works. In fact, he has suffered greatly for the pure gospel: I COR. 15:1-8:

- 1. Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
- 2. by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- 3. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4. and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5. and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7. then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8. and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

Paul began preaching the gospel right after his conversion [Acts 9:20]

The gospel he received was not of works: *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.* [Eph 2: 8, 9]

For **gar-** γὰρ (an intensified way to assign reason in an argument); *truly, therefore . . .*

I would have you *Know* = come to know in the continuous sense, come to learn— **gnōrizō**

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It was not according to man: **kata** is a word that expects a NORM or a STANDARD to follow it, things flow DOWN from the norm/standard (e.g.: master key).

kata anthrōpos:

Therefore:

I. it did not flow down from MAN AS A SOURCE (*according to man...*)



12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it

II. Paul also did not receive it from (men); paralambanō ; take the message transmitted alongside other men, the narration of others. (*I didn't receive it from man...*)

III. Paul did not get it by any man's instruction in a didactic (teaching) way (*no man taught me...*)

NOTE: Paul's careful forensic method of isolating himself from any influence of man: he states the case in 3 ways.....



12 *For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.*

BUT, ***alla*** : strong contrast—

stated positively; he states how he did receive the gospel:

IV. The Standard & SOURCE was: **Jesus Christ Himself:** '*but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ*' :

As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do." [Acts 9:3-5]

AFTER the Damascus Road revelation, Paul further received personal revelation from the Lord Jesus Christ, as described later in vs. 17, 18:

"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. *Then three years later* I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Cephas, and stayed with him fifteen days."



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Galatians' problem was bringing in the flesh to their justification and sanctification, bringing Adam back in, but in these 2 verses, we see **Paul removing any reference to man & and all influence of Adam's nature**

There is no antecedent to Paul's gospel on earth, it is a thing that comes out **de novo – totally new**

Man totally ignored.*

'Law recognizes man in the flesh and gives him a place in this world.' [Hamilton Smith]

Merryman: *Paul did not receive the gospel from mankind, nor was he taught it by men or angels or some other media... It is not according to man's ideas or devices.*

Source of revelation = the Lord Jesus Christ (He is the subjective genitive) He produced the revelation

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Thoughts on vs. 11, 12:

- These two verses have massive implications for not only Galatians, but for each and every one of Paul's letters
- This complete statement applies to the whole gospel Paul was given and disclosed: the gospel of justification, sanctification, glorification, & the gospel of the mystery of the church (saved Jews and Gentiles are baptized into one new body, and are fellow partakers), the gospel of the rapture . . . Can you think of other new revelation that the H.S. communicated through Paul?
- That: ALL of it was not through any man, any group of men, any part of a tradition, but given from Jesus Christ directly, and is to be separate and distinct from anything that came before, or shares any glory with it.
- It is a form of Certificate of Authentication that can be attached to all of Paul's writings

SUMMATION: Where we are so far in Galatians

Dennis Rokser coins the book of Galatians: ***‘Guarding the Gospel of Grace’***. Merrill C. Tenney calls it: ***‘The Charter of Christian Liberty’***



- We have completed the whole of the Introduction of the letter, 1:1 – 1:9;
- The introduction of Paul and his apostleship, v. 1
- The audience to whom it is written, v. 2
- The blessing of the true gospel, v. 3-5 (D. Rokser)— *‘...grace & peace to you from the Father & L.J.C. who gave Himself for our sins, rescuing us from the present evil age, to Him- be the glory forever....’*
- The occasion (PROBLEM) the letter addresses, and cursing of the false gospel, v. 6-9 (Rokser)
- You can Trust the Gospel of Grace; it’s Divine origin and divine communication through Paul, v. 10-12 (Rokser, Merryman)
- Next 8 weeks or so from 1:13 to 2:21, we are going to look at Paul’s course of life, his *curriculum vitae*, in a section Lehman Strauss titles: *‘Paul’s Apostleship is Proved’*
- He says Galatians is in 3 parts: i. The Personal case (1 & 2), ii. The Polemical case (3 & 4), iii. The Practical case (5 & 6)