



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

## **Paul's History Reviewed**

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But when God, who had set me apart *even* from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, <sup>17</sup> 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.

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Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup> I was *still* unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; <sup>23</sup> but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy." <sup>24</sup> And they were glorifying God because of me.

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*Sinners are not saved until they trust the Savior, and Saints are not delivered until they trust the Deliverer. God has made both possible through the cross of His Son.*

*- L.S.C.*

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## Key Takeaways



- Paul defends his gospel as being from Christ, and ***not*** from men.
  - Being new doctrine, it had to be defended as Divine revelation
- Paul demonstrates that he spent very little time in Jerusalem
  - Paul explains that he was not in Jerusalem to learn from Peter, but to examine Peter's doctrine.
- Paul recognized ***all*** Christians as being in Christ.
  - Born again Christians are in Christ, whether they realize it or not.
  - Paul's ministry was largely related to presenting believers complete in Christ (Teaching them to reckon on their identification with Christ.)
  - We have the privilege of sharing this "gospel" (good news) of identification with our fellow believers.
  - This is the most practical reality for our daily walk.