

The Unchanging Message for an Ever Changing World —part 2

GALATIANS 1:11-24\*

In Galatians 1:11-12, Paul states his theme: his message and ministry are of divine origin. He did not invent the Gospel, nor did he receive it from men; but he received the Gospel from Jesus Christ. Both his message and his apostolic ministry were divinely given. Therefore, anybody who added anything to Paul's Gospel was in danger of divine judgment, because that Gospel was given by Jesus Christ from heaven (1 Cor. 15:1-11).<sup>1</sup> In verses 13-24 Paul relates the account of his own conversion and life transformation to punctuate the argument that God is only source of the Gospel and true life change.

The life transforming power of the Gospel (13-24)

*Your past is in the past (13-14)*

*The turning point of grace (15-16a)*

*You are no longer who you used to be (16b-24)*

STRENGTH THROUGH THE WEEK:

When God transforms a life there is always a testimony, and Paul's life is no exception. This week look up the following passages of Scripture concerning Paul's life and use the chart to record your observations. This will give you a clearer view of a life radically transformed by the power of God.

*Galatians 1:11-24; Acts 9:1-8; Acts 22:6-10; Acts 26:4-18; 2 Corinthians 11:22-33*

Before Conversion		At Conversion		After Conversion	
observation	verse	observation	verse	observation	verse

Now examine your own experience and fill in a similar chart of your life.

\* These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.  
<sup>1</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 686.