

FREEDOM

(For FREEDOM Christ has set us free! Gal 5:1)

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community church



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Transformed by the Gospel (Gal. 1:10-24)

Paul had shared the gospel in Galatia and as a result several churches had begun to grow and thrive in the area. However, there were some who started a smear campaign against Paul and his gospel message. In regards to the gospel, they agreed with Paul that Jesus is essential for salvation, but did not think He was all-sufficient. They thought that to be saved, a person had to have Jesus plus other things. In regards to the man, they did not see Paul as an apostle sent by Jesus. Paul strongly argues for both his apostleship and His gospel. Paul gives his thesis consisting of three denials and one affirmation (v.11-12) and then defends it with the evidence and power of story (v. 13-24). We see that the story of the gospel transformed Paul's story and can transform ours.

Three things from the text:

1. Scripture's story confirmed (V. 11-12, 16a)

- The nature of Paul's transforming gospel is not from Human invention, reason, or tradition.
- The nature of Paul's transforming gospel is from Jesus by a direct revelation.

2. Paul's story remembered (V. 13-24)

(before his conversion 13-14; at his conversion; 15-16a; and after his conversion 16b-24)

- There are none Too Bad nor Too Good for the gospel.
- Which do you lean towards?

3. Our story transformed (V. 11-24)

- Paul's Story is told to help us understand how Our Stories fit into Jesus' Story.
- There are none so smart that they do not need Alone Time or People.

Growing notes:

Open with prayer, asking God to open your eyes as you study His word. Then study the text in three steps. First observe it, then interpret it, then apply it.

1. Observe the text: (what does it say?) Have someone read vs 11-12. After reading it, have someone summarize what was read. Then have everyone in the group work together to fill in anything that was missed.

2. Interpret the text: (What does it mean?) Ask two questions of the text. "What does this tell us about God?" and, "What does this tell us about mankind/ourselves?" (A third question may need to be asked. When it is being interpreted, it may be helpful to ask, "Where is that in the text, or in its context?")

3. Apply the text: (What should I do?) Ask. "If I were to live this out in my life, how would my life be different?"

Once you are done with these three steps of interpretation in vs 11-12 (the thesis), repeat them again with verses 13-24 (the evidence to back up the thesis).