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The Validated Gospel

GALATIANS 1:11-24

I. Paul _____ his message by showing the divine origin of the gospel.

A. Paul didn't invent the gospel _____.

For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. vv. 11-12

B. Paul didn't conspire with _____ to invent the gospel.

... in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. vv. 16b-20

THIS MESSAGE WAS FROM CHRIST ALONE.

II. Paul's impossible life _____ revealed that his message is true.

A. Paul was living a life _____ to the gospel message.

For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. vv. 13-14

B. ... _____ God called him anyway.

But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles ... vv. 15-16a

C. ... and his life was transformed to a life that _____ God.

Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me. vv. 21-24

THIS TRANSFORMATION WAS BY CHRIST ALONE.

NOT OUR MESSAGE BUT HIS MESSAGE.

NOT SIMPLY BEHAVIOR CHANGE BUT LIFE TRANSFORMATION.

How has your life been transformed by the gospel?

What did you leave behind to follow Christ? (vv. 13-14)

Are you seeing the purpose in your calling? (v. 16)

Does your life prompt others to glorify God? (v. 24)

**BOUND
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GROUP
LESSON**

1. Read Galatians 1:11-24. Share any thoughts from the sermon that were helpful to you.

2. Why is it critical for Paul to defend his gospel message and his credentials? Why do you think Jesus chose to commission Paul instead of someone else?

3. How does knowing that Christ alone creates life transformation take the pressure off you to have perfect arguments or answers when sharing His gospel?

4. What did you leave behind to follow Christ? What have you gained?

5. Are you seeing the purpose in your calling? How has God been using that calling lately?

6. Does your life prompt others to glorify God? Who do you know that prompts the same response in you? How has God used these to further His gospel?

From Christ alone

“But it must have been soon afterwards that [Paul] went into Arabia ... for quiet and solitude. ... He seems to have stayed there for three years. We believe that in this period of withdrawal, as he meditated on the Old Testament Scriptures, on the facts of the life and death of Jesus that he already knew and on his experience of conversion, the gospel of the grace of God was revealed to him in its fullness. It has even been suggested that those three years in Arabia were a deliberate compensation for the three years of instruction which Jesus gave the other apostles, but which Paul missed. Now he had Jesus to himself, as it were, for three years of solitude in the wilderness.”

JOHN R. W. STOTT

Close in prayer by asking the Lord to show you this week how He will use this passage of Galatians in your life, and watch expectantly to see what the Holy Spirit will do.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.cbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP AND GROW! If you've been serving at Christ Chapel or in our community for a while, it's time to take the next step and find a place to focus on spiritual growth. Text "CCBCGrow" to 555-888 for a list of upcoming classes and opportunities.

THERE'S A BAPTISM CLASS TODAY AT 12:15 P.M. Interested in getting baptized? Join us in the Link Conference Room at 12:15 p.m.—we'll tell you more about why getting baptized is an important step to take, answer questions and help you get ready for our next baptism celebration. Can't make it but want to know more? Email Hailee at HaileeS@christchapelbc.org.

LADIES, SUMMER STORIES IS THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 3. Before the holiday weekend begins, come have lunch with the women of Christ Chapel! We're getting together from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oak Room for good food, community and Summer Jones' story of how God has worked in her life. Please bring a salad or pick up something on the way to share. If you work, come on your lunch break—you won't miss our speaker and we'll have plenty of food for you!

LAST CHANCE FOR MUSICAMP! Parents, your kids will have an absolute blast at MusiCamp this July 8-13. They'll experience all sides of music—singing, instruments, performing—and put on a show to end the week! Tomorrow, July 1 is the final day to register so don't wait any longer—if you have a child headed into Grades 1-6, register them at www.cbcfamily.org/events today.

MARRIED COUPLES, INVEST IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP AT "FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE." We all know marriage has its ups and downs, but it's another thing to experience it. Whether you are happily married or struggling to hang on, come and be reminded of God's good agenda through the highs and lows. You'll be encouraged and equipped to love your spouse well. The class starts Sunday, July 14 at 5 p.m. in Link Classroom South. Sign up at www.cbcfamily.org/events.

LADIES, LET'S PURSUE GOD SIDE BY SIDE. You may be pursuing God individually, but there's a lot to gain from also pursuing God with a friend at your side. Side By Side, our women's mentoring ministry, provides opportunities for women to encourage one another in their spiritual walk. If you are interested in being a mentor or mentee, email Summer at Summer_H_Jones@hotmail.com.

MAKE THE SWITCH TO OUR NEW DIGITAL GIVING PLATFORM. God is using your church to change lives—all because individuals like you want to make a difference. Check out our new digital giving platform by texting "CCBCFW" to 77977 (or visiting www.cbcfamily.org/give) and see how you can now give to kingdom causes in 10 seconds or less!