

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Paul's Story (and Yours)"

Text: Galatians 1:11-24

1. Map of Paul's First Missionary Journey (A.D. 46-48; Acts 13 & 14).
2. Warning concerning "savage wolves" (from Acts 20:29).
3. Chart of Gal. 1:11-2:21. A defense of Paul's Authority and Gospel.
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles (1:13-24)  
Except for Peter, Paul did not meet the other apostles until 14 years after his conversion. He had no contact with them.
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_ by the apostles (2:1-11)  
When Paul did meet the others, he was received as an equal and they affirmed his message and his ministry to the Gentiles.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ even Peter (2:11-21)  
Paul found it necessary to oppose even Peter, the reputed chief of the apostles, for conduct which threatened to compromise the gospel.

**PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM (1:11-12)**

1. His gospel was not an \_\_\_\_\_  
*as if his own brain had fabricated it.*
2. His gospel was not a \_\_\_\_\_  
*as if the church had handed it down to him.*
3. His gospel was a \_\_\_\_\_  
*for God had made it known to him.*

**PAUL'S \_\_\_\_\_ EVIDENCE (1:13-24)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ his conversion (1:13-14)
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ the church (13)
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ in Judaism (14)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ his conversion (1:15, 16a)  
Note the contrast betw. 13 & 14 on the one hand and 15 & 16 on the other.  
In verses 13 & 14, Paul speaks about himself: "I ... I ... I ... I". But in verses 15 & 16 Paul speaks about God.
  - A. His \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ choice

- B. His \_\_\_\_\_ call
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ He received

3. \_\_\_\_\_ his conversion (1:16b-24)

The most important statement is the first, at the end of verse 16: "I did not **consult** any man." Paul produces a series of "alibis" proving that he did not spend time in Jerusalem, having his gospel shaped by "The Twelve."

- A. Off to \_\_\_\_\_ (17b)
- B. Back to \_\_\_\_\_ (17c; Acts 9:23-25)
- C. A visit to \_\_\_\_\_ (18-20; Acts 9:26-29)
- D. Home to \_\_\_\_\_ (21-24; Acts 9:30)

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. When a person battles God, God always \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When God transforms a life, there's always a \_\_\_\_\_.

Guidelines to help you give your testimony in an effective way:

- Don't \_\_\_\_\_, just \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself, just \_\_\_\_\_ your story.
- Keep your testimony \_\_\_\_\_.
- Follow a \_\_\_\_\_ progression.
  - Start with your life before Christ
  - Move to the moment of your conversion
  - Then tell how Jesus has changed your life (the difference)
- \_\_\_\_\_ God, not \_\_\_\_\_.

### PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT

Share your testimony with a non-Christian sometime during the next week or two (and perhaps over Thanksgiving). God may use your story to begin yet another story that will eternally glorify Him!