

# GALATIANS

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THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

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**(Not Man's)**

**Galatians 1:11 – 2:10**

**THE VERY FOUNDATION  
OF THE CHRISTIAN  
FAITH WAS UNDER  
ATTACK.**

Galatians 2:16 (NIV)

**(We know that) "a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ . . . that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified."**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)

**"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,"**

*Two things are under attack:*

- 1. The message of the true Gospel**
- 2. The messenger of the Gospel**

Galatians 1:11-12 (NIV)

**"I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ."**

# REVELATION

*“apokalupto”* - to uncover

Galatians 1:13-14 (NIV)

"For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers."

Galatians 1:15-16a (NIV)

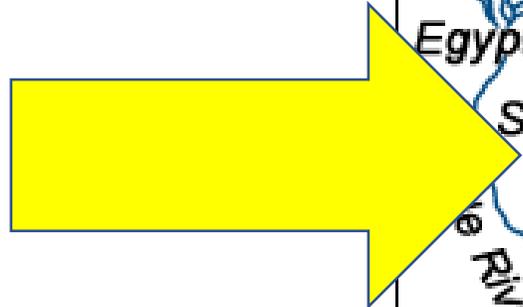
"But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles."

Galatians 1:16b-17 (NIV)

"I did not consult any man, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus."

# “ARABIA” IN THE TIME OF ST. PAUL

Galatians 1:17



## *Why this time in Arabia?*

- 1. He had to sort out what happened to him.**
- 2. He had to speak with God before he spoke with man.**

Galatians 1:18-19 (NIV)

"Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles – only James, the Lord's brother."

Galatians 1:20 (NIV)

"I assure you before  
God that what I am writing  
you is no lie."

Galatians 1:21-24 (NIV)

"Later I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me."

Galatians 2:1 (NIV)

"Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also."

Galatians 2:2-3 (NIV)

"I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain. Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek."

Galatians 2:4-5 (NIV)

"This matter arose because some false brothers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you."

Galatians 2:6 (NIV)

"As for those who seemed to be important--  
whatever they were makes no difference to  
me; God does not judge by external  
appearance--those men added nothing to  
my message."

Galatians 2:7 (NIV)

"They saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the Good News to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews."

## Galatians 2:8-9 (NIV)

"For God, who was at work in the ministry of Peter as an apostle to the Jews, was also at work in my ministry as an apostle to the Gentiles. James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews."

Galatians 2:10 (NIV)

"All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do."

**1. GOD'S WILL BE PRIMARY IN  
OUR LIVES**

1. Every person has a destiny
2. God will only deliver that destiny when you're ready to handle it.
3. To reach your destiny you must go through the wilderness.

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## *3-Step Process*

- a. Deliverance
- b. Development
- c. Destiny

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2. GOD'S WILL MUST BE PURSUED - DAILY

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2. **GOD'S WILL MUST BE PURSUED DAILY**
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Galatians 1:15-16 (NIV)

"But when God . . . was  
pleased to reveal His  
Son in me . . ."

**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”**

**-- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-29**

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