

PAUL’S JOURNEY: Map data from OPENSTREETMAP



PAUL’S LIFE AFTER HIS CONVERSION

EVENT	REFERENCE	AGE/TIME	DATE
Meets Jesus on the Road to Damascus	Gal 1:16, Acts 9:1-19	30 years old	34 AD
Shares testimony	Acts 9:20		
Goes to Arabia and then Damascus	Gal 1:17, Acts 9:25	3 years pass	34-37 AD
Has vision of heaven	Gal 1:17, 2 Cor 12		
Visits apostles in Jerusalem	Gal 1:18, Acts 9:26	15 days	
Has vision to leave Jerusalem	Acts 22:17		
Goes back to Tarsus in Cilicia	Gal 1:21, Acts 9:30	33 years old, 11 years pass	37 AD-47 AD
Barnabas goes to get him	Gal 2:1-10, Acts 11:22		
Goes to Antioch as a “pastor” and has conflict with Peter	Gal 2:11-14, Acts 11:26	43 years old, 1 year passes	47 AD
Financial gift to the “brothers” in Jerusalem	Acts 13-14		47 AD
First Missionary Journey	Acts 13-14		48-49
Jerusalem Council	Acts 15		49 AD

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LET’S SET UP THE STORY:

Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father...

THE QUESTION IS...

“...Am I trying to PLEASE man?”

Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

THE STATEMENT IS...

“The gospel that was preached by me is....
RECEIVED...through a revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Galatians 1:11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

PAUL’S FLASHBACK TO HIS FORMER LIFE

Galatians 1:13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 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.

1. He was a VIOLENT man who “Believed” and “Achieved.”

2. He was a people-pleaser...this is an IDOL.

Galatians 1:10 ...If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

3. The three idols of “man’s gospel”.

- a. Pleasing people...a need for VALUE.
- b. Zealous effort...a need for SUCCESS.
- c. Traditions & Rules...a need for CONTROL.

BUT...A REVELATION OF JESUS!

Galatians 1:15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles,...

- 1. God, the Father, set YOU apart before YOU were born, called YOU by his grace and was pleased to reveal his Son to YOU.
- 2. God, the Father, has a purpose for Paul and YOU too.

THE REVELATION CONTINUES...

Galatians 1:16b-20 I did not immediately consult with anyone; 17 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.

1. Not from *FLESH* and *BLOOD*.

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

2. THREE years with Jesus...

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.

3. And a 15 day “VISIT” in Jerusalem with Peter and James.

Galatians 1:18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother. 20 (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)

THE STORY OF A RECOVERING PEOPLE-PLEASER

Galatians 1:21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.

- 1. Paul goes back home as an “UNKNOWN” for 11 years!
- 2. What season are you in:
RECOVERY? TRAINING?
- 3. Who gets the GLORY?

Galatians 1:23-24 They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” 24 And they glorified God because of me.

ASK YOURSELF...

Am I Trying to Please People?

Who Gets the Glory?

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