

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 Simon Peter	Gal 2:11-14, Acts 11:26	43 years old, 1 year passes	47 AD
Takes financial gift to the "brothers" in Jerusalem	Acts 11:27-29		47 AD
First Missionary Journey	Acts 13-14		48-49 AD
Jerusalem Council (<i>writes the Book of Galatians shortly after this</i>)	Acts 15		49 AD

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November 1 & 2, 2025 | Message 3 | Galatians 2:1-9 | Dennis Miller, teaching pastor

THE CONTINUING STORY OF THE JERUSALEM VISIT

Galatians 2:1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.

This entire section of Scripture (Galatians 2:1-9) is about an _____ that Paul had _____ in Jerusalem.

1. When? — 14 years _____ the experience on the road to Damascus.

Note: This was Paul's _____ visit to Jerusalem after his conversion.

Visit 1 — 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.

Visit 2 — Acts 11:29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. 30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. . . . 12:25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

2. Why? — a _____ of Jesus Christ (unique).

Galatians 2:2 I went up because of a revelation . . .

Gal. 1:12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

3. What? — Paul wanted to explain the Gospel that he had been presenting to the _____ and have it _____ by “the church.”

Galatians 2:2 I...and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.

4. Who? — _____ A of the Gospel to the Gentiles—_____.

Galatians 2:3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.

THE NAYSAYERS (OLDER BROTHERS)

Galatians 2:4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

1. The _____ brothers (Judaizers) were not _____ to this meeting, but someone was able to _____ them in for the purpose of attacking Christian _____. (Remember that their claim was that Paul was _____ a true Apostle.)

Galatians 1:11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

2. The true believers paid _____ to these false teachers — “even for a moment.”

3. The false teachers were _____ “so that the truth of the gospel might be _____ for you.” This means that, as a Christian, you have _____ in Christ! You are not bound by the _____. (Ceremonial law, tradition, etc.)

Please note: You cannot be a Christian and be a _____! (You cannot add _____ to your salvation.)

Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

THE YEA-SAYERS

Galatians 2:6 And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. 7 On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised 8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), 9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars,

perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

1. Paul mentions that there were very _____ people in this meeting (Peter, James and John). But Paul was _____ impressed with “status.” (We are all _____ in Christ.)

2. These men and this meeting _____ Paul as an _____ and the Gospel that he was preaching as _____. They publicly showed this affirmation through the “right hand of fellowship.”

3. The _____ ministry of the Apostles was acknowledged: Peter to the circumcised (Jews) and Paul to the uncircumcised (Gentiles).

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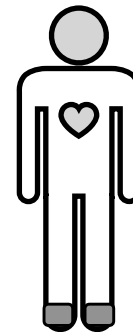
Galatians 2:10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

These church leaders made only one _____ of Paul and the other believers present: “remember the _____.”

LESSONS LEARNED

1. **Head:** You have freedom in Christ through _____.

Galatians 2:4 Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— 5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.



2. **Heart:** _____ and enjoy your freedom in Jesus Christ. There will _____ be people who want to enslave you with legalism (baptism, devotions, tithing, etc.) _____ listen to them.

Acts 16:30 Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, . . .

Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

3. **Feet:** As Christians, one of our _____ is to “remember the _____.” How will you personally act on that priority this week?

Deuteronomy 15:11 For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

Luke 14:13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,