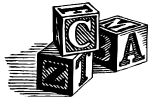


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Paul's Autobiographical Defense: The Divine Origin of Paul's Gospel and Its Evidence" (Galatians 1:10-24)



Basic Ideas from Galatians 1:10-24.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy.



Basic Questions from Galatians 1:10-24.

1. Who was Paul seeking to please? Why? (10)
2. What two thoughts are opposed to each other in verse 10?
3. Is this an absolute truth?
4. How does the "for" of verses 11, 12, and 13 function?
5. How does Paul distance himself from the idea of the gospel being of human origin?
6. How does Paul describe the uniqueness of His gospel (vv. 11, 12)? What does Paul stress about the gospel he preached? (11-12)
7. What did Paul remind them concerning his former conduct in Judaism (13-14)? What do verses 13 and 14 establish? Notice the relationship between verses 13 and 14 and that of 23. Twice in this passage Paul reminds the Galatians of his past. What is his purpose in doing so? How can we explain Paul's transformation?
8. What do you feel Paul means by "advancing in Judaism"?
9. Why did God call Paul and reveal His Son in him? (15-16). How does verse 15 begin and how does it function with what preceded?
10. Paul says in vs. 15 that God set him aside from birth and called him to preach. What well-known prophet was also called from birth? (Jeremiah 1:5)
11. Does God know you from birth? How about today? (Psalm 139)
12. If you felt called by God to preach, what would you do first? Why?
13. Paul tells the Galatians that when God called him to preach among the Gentiles, he "did not receive [the gospel] from any man, nor was I taught it" (v.12) and that he "did not consult any man" (v.16). Why is that information important in the context of this chapter?
14. Paul says in vs. 16-17 that he did not consult any man or go to Jerusalem, but went immediately to Arabia to preach. Was this appropriate?
15. Where did Paul NOT go after his conversion? (17) Why does Paul bring this point in about the apostles (v. 17)?
16. What would you think if a person came up to you in church and told you that God had revealed to her that, for example, people who dance are not really saved? What would you say to her?

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17. Do you know anyone who was once hostile to Christ but is now His follower?
18. If you had to convince someone that Christ is real by giving an example from your own life, what would you say?
19. How long was it before Paul saw any of the apostles in Jerusalem? Which ones did he see? (18-19)
20. Where did he go then? (21)
21. What three things are said about Paul's connection with the churches of Judea? (22-24)
22. What did Paul's conversion to the gospel produce? What was its consequence (v. 24)?
23. How does Paul's response to his calling apply to our lives in Christ, today? Who should call us? Whose approval do we need?
24. Do you feel any humans have the authority to say whether someone is called by God? Give a reason for your answer.
25. Is Paul saying James is not an Apostle?



The **Basic Application** from Galatians 1:10-24.

1. Paul was the most unlikely person (cf. 1 Cor. 1; David and his brothers) to be preaching the gospel of grace in Christ Jesus.
2. Paul's conversion **by** the gospel of grace **to** the gospel of grace speaks of its inherent power to change lives. "**That gospel has lost none of its power.** It can work just as wonderful miracles today for men who will put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ." ([emphasis added] Ironside, *Galatians*, 57).
3. What the world needs is not another program but a person and His name is Jesus.
4. We are what we are by the grace of God. Comparison kills contentment. We must learn to live each day as recipients of His grace. Do not wish for what you are not or want what you do not have, but rather live with thanksgiving for what you are and with contentment for what you have.
5. What does this passage cause you to change in your thinking and/or actions?