

Called by God

Galatians 1:11-24

True Ministry Is A Calling By God

A. Paul Was Called By God (1:11-12)

1. Paul's message was not made up by man (1:11)

a. I want you to know beyond any doubt

b. It is not about me but the message

c. Man's religion is not good news

2. Paul's message was not received from man (1:12)

A message directed at the Judaizers

Mark 7:13

3. Paul's message came directly from Christ (1:12)

God's Word only comes from God

2 Peter 1:20-21

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B. Paul Was Changed By God To Preach The Gospel (1:13-16)

- 1. I did what you are doing (1:13-14)**
- 2. I now don't do what I did by God's grace (1:15-16)**
 - a. He gave me a choice**
 - b. He gives me a purpose**
 - c. He makes His greatness known**
 - d. He gives me the ability to do the unthinkable**
 - e. He gives me the message**

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C. Paul Was Directed By God For The Gospel (1:17-24)

1. A method not “logical” (1:17-19)

a. In place – the desert

b. In time – three years

c. In people – Only Peter and James (Acts 9:26-29)

2. A synopsis of God’s direction (1:20-24)

a. The reason I am telling you this (1:20)

b. The regions of ministry (1:21)

c. The report of the ministry (1:22-23)

d. The result of the ministry (1:24)

**Which One Of These Statements Describe
You?**

God and You

You and God

The Titus Test

Galatians 2:1-10

Our Lives Should Be Living Proof Of The Gospel

Acts 15:1-2

1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

I. Paul's Jerusalem Journey (2:1-2)

Galatians 2:1-2

1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

2 And I went **up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.**

A. Paul was not a frequent visitor to Jerusalem (2:1)

B. God told Paul to go to Jerusalem (2:2)

II. Paul's Titus Test (2:3)

Galatians 2:3

But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised:

A. Paul took Titus to prove a point to the Judaizers

1 Corinthians 7:19

Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

II. Paul's Titus Test (2:3)

B. The importance of circumcision to the Jews (Acts 15:1)

1. God's covenant with Abraham

Genesis 17:10

This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

2. The Law given to Moses

Leviticus 17:3

And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Exodus 12:44

But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

II. Paul's Titus Test (2:3)

C. Titus was living proof

Colossians 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

III. Paul's Bogus Brothers (2:4-5)

Galatians 2:4-5

4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

III. Paul's Bogus Brothers (2:4-5)

A. False brethren came along to cause trouble

B. They were false brothers

pseudadelphos = lying fellow believer

C. They were infiltrators

pareiserchomai = from (source) to enter in

D. They were spies

kataskopeō = to look critically against

E. False teachers and shameful behavior

IV. Paul's Apostolic Acceptance (2:6-10)

Galatians 2:6-10

6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

IV. Paul's Apostolic Acceptance (2:6-10)

Galatians 2:6-10 - continued

9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

IV. Paul's Apostolic Acceptance (2:6-10)

A. Those who seemed important had nothing to add (2:6)

B. They recognized Paul's contribution (2:7)

C. Three affirmations were made at this summit (2:7-9)

1. One Gospel

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

2. Two Apostolic callings

3. Three pillars

D. The Pillars accepted Paul (2:9)

E. They saw the same need (2:10)

Application

Paul Was A Man Who Needed Encouragement

Will You Encourage An Encourager