



Text: Galatians 1:11-24

Big Idea: In Paul's testimony we see the good news of grace (Gospel proclamation) that came from his encounter with Jesus, literally transformed him.

- Transforming grace replaces speculation with revelation.
- Transforming grace replace religion with redemption.
- Transforming grace replaces working with calling.
- Transforming grace overrides a biography with a testimony.

Discussion Questions:

1. Paul very briefly describes how the Gospel was revealed to him (verses 12, 17) and was affirmed when he met with Cephas (Peter) in Jerusalem (verse 18). How would the fact that the Gospel was revealed to him eliminate any pride or sense of accomplishment on his part? Discuss how Paul's story is relevant to your story.
2. Paul was clearly accomplished by the religious standards in his day. However, he places his identity in knowing Christ. (Philippians 3:4-8a) Like Paul, we should base our faith solely on Jesus, not on our credentials. How does that contrast with the way the world says we have worth? If relevant, share where you may struggle with a world view as you walk with Jesus.
3. God's call to us comes before our knowledge of His favor toward us (verse 15). His calling also includes work prepared in advance for us. (Ephesians 2:8-10) Look at your life experiences. How have those experiences equipped you for your current calling?
4. "A Christian has more than an intellectual belief in Christ; they sense a personal relationship. And they know that this relationship is not given to them solely for their own personal comfort and joy."¹ Like Paul we should desire to share our story in a way that gives God glory (verse 24). Consider Paul's example. How can you or do you share your testimony so that God is getting the glory?

¹Galatians for You by Tim Keller. (God's Word for You series)