



# Not Man's Gospel

Galatians 1:11-24









	Oakleys	Fakeleys
Origin	HQ in Foothill Ranch, CA	A guy on the street
Substance	Highest quality materials	Cheap materials
Effect	Stylish UV Protection	Disappointment



# Contrasting Galatian Gospels

	Paul's	False Teachers
Origin		
Substance (Message)		
Effect		



**Against the accusations of false teachers, Paul defends before the Galatians his gospel as being from God, not man, with two proofs.**



**Like the Galatians, we can gain greater confidence that we possess the true gospel by understanding Paul's proofs.**







**Read**  
**Galatians 1:11-24**  
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# Two proofs Paul didn't preach man's gospel

- 1) Transformed life purpose  
(persecutor → preacher)
- 2) Years of ministry independent of  
Jerusalem church





1. Paul's pre-conversion life purpose | pre ~34AD | Jerusalem (vs 13-14)
2. Conversion + Initial Years | ~34-37AD | Damascus, Arabia, Damascus (vs 15-17)
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Jerusalem Visit | ~37 AD for 15 Days | Jerusalem (vs 18-20)
4. Ministry in Tarsus + Antioch | ~37-45AD | Syria & Cilicia (vs 21-24)

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

(Galatians 1:11-12)



# Paul's First Missionary Journey



~46-47AD

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# Paul's pre-conversion life purpose (vs 13-14)

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





## Conversion + Initial Years (vs. 15-17)

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

(Galatians 1:15-16)



## Conversion + Initial Years (vs. 15-17)

...I did not immediately consult with anyone; 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.

(Galatians 1:16-17)



# 1st Jerusalem Visit (vs. 18-20)

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

(Galatians 1:18-20)



## Ministry in Tarsus + Antioch (vs. 21-24)

Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” And they glorified God because of me.

(Galatians 1:21-24)





# Proofs in Galatians 1:21-24

## 4) Ministry in Tarsus + Antioch

~37-45AD

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# Proofs in Galatians 1:15-17

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(persecutor → preacher)

➤ Paul boldly preaches in Damascus immediately following conversion.

➤ Threatened with death.

~34-37AD





# Proofs in Galatians 1:15-17

2) Years of ministry independent  
of Jerusalem church

➤ Paul doesn't consult with Jerusalem  
apostles before preaching.

~34-37AD



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(persecutor → preacher)

- Paul boldly preaches in Jerusalem
- Threatened with death.

~37AD | 15 days



# Proofs in Galatians 1:18-20

2) Years of ministry independent of Jerusalem church

- Purpose was to visit Peter
- Doesn't meet apostles (only Peter & James)
- Trip was very brief

~37AD | 15 days



# Proofs in Galatians 1:21-24

1) Transformed life purpose  
(persecutor → preacher)

➤ Paul continues in fruitful gospel ministry for many years!

~37-45AD



# Proofs in Galatians 1:21-24

2) Years of ministry independent of Jerusalem church

➤ Despite being far away and not having met, the Judean church praises God that Paul is preaching their same faith.

~37-45AD



“I believe witnesses  
who have their  
throats cut.”

~Blaise Pascal

17<sup>th</sup> Century Theologian | Mathematician







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Effect	Transformed Life Purpose	Disappointment



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Or man's gospel?**



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# Perspectives™



- 2 p.m. today
- Fellowship Room
- FREE



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