

This Good News Is Truly from God
Galatians 1:10-2:14

1:10 – Why does he use the word “now”?

1:10 – Why does he use the word “still”?

1:11-12 – Paul’s thesis

“We in the twenty-first century need to pause and let it sink in that we are listening firsthand to a man whose life overlapped with Jesus Christ in the first century. He is claiming to have direct, authoritative revelation from Jesus, who is alive from the dead. Either this man, Paul, is pathetically deluded with some kind of hallucination, or he is a devious impostor lying through his teeth – all while he’s willing to suffer in every city in obedience to this calling. Or he is telling the truth and speaks as an apostle with the very authority of God. Your heart will embrace one of those three options. And your life hangs on that embrace. I will simply bear witness with joy, that in sixty years of walking with Christ together with the apostle Paul, I have not been able to find him a fool or a fraud. He’s real.” (*Christ Has Set Us Free*, 43)

What is this “revelation of Jesus Christ”?

- Jesus was revealed _____ Paul.

- Jesus _____ to Paul.

- Jesus was revealed _____ Paul.

How does Paul's story support his claim that his gospel was from God, not man?

1. The violence of his past (1:13)
2. The success of his past (1:14)
3. God's sovereign hand in his life (1:15-16a)
4. His response to the revelation of Jesus (1:16b)
5. His locations (1:17, 21)
6. His visit to Peter (1:18-20)
7. The response among Judean Christians (1:22-24)
8. His trip to see the Jerusalem leadership (2:1)
9. The revelation that led to the trip to Jerusalem (2:2a)
10. The purpose for the trip to Jerusalem (2:2b)
11. The stand he took for Titus's freedom (2:3-5)
12. His commitment to preserve the gospel for them (2:5)
13. His commitment to impartiality (2:6a)
14. The lack of any additions by the Jerusalem leadership (2:6b)
15. The partnership of the pillars and apostles (2:7-9)
16. The only thing they asked (2:10)
17. The confrontation in Antioch of Peter, Barnabas, and the rest of the Jews (2:11-14)

Conclusion

The good news I preached is not man's good news [because] I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.