

INTRODUCTION:

1. GOD MANIFESTED HIS SOVEREIGN GRACE IN PAUL'S CONVERSION AND APOSTLESHIP (1:15-16a,b).

a. God called Paul by grace.

b. God revealed Christ in Him.

c. God commissioned him to preach the gospel to the Gentiles.

2. PAUL DECLARES HIS INDEPENDENCE OF HUMAN AUTHORITY (1:16c-17).

a. He wanted the Galatians to know that he was independent of human authority in general.

b. He the Galatians to know that he was independent of the Jerusalem apostles.

c. He wanted the Galatians to know that he was independent in his journeys to Arabia and Damascus.

3. APPLICATIONS:

(1) Let us always remember that God reigns over all things, including human salvation.

(2) Let us always remember that the gospel of Jesus Christ is God's message to sinful human beings.

(3) Let us always remember that salvation is by God's grace alone.

(4) Let us never underestimate the power of God's saving grace.

CONCLUSION: