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Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians

Lesson 7. God Glorified in Me – Gal. 1:18-24

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Paul, the persecutor was changed! By the power of the gospel of grace, he became Paul the preacher and apostle, a church planting missionary. And the change was so evident that those who once feared him now praised God for this great work of salvation that had been accomplished.

- I. Visiting Peter – vs. 18-20
 - A. Out of the Wilderness, back to Damascus
 1. Jews opposed him
 2. They may have been sent with him on his initial mission – Acts 9:2
 - B. Preaching Christ brings Persecution – Acts 9:20-25
 - C. Meeting Cephas and James
 1. Peter – lead Apostle
 2. James – leader in the church at Jerusalem – Acts 15:1-2, 3-21
 - a. Jesus’ brother – Matt. 13:55
 - b. Jude’s brother – Jude 1:1
 - c. Just enough time for fellowship, but not for discipleship or teaching
 - d. There were 14 years between his visits to Jerusalem – Gal. 2:1
 - 1) One visit to bring famine relief – Acts 11:30
 - 2) One visit for the Jerusalem Council -Acts 15
 - D. Swearing to Tell the Truth
- II. From Persecutor to Preacher – vs. 21-23
 - A. Known About but not Recognized
 - B. A Former Persecutor now a Promoter
 - C. What a Change
 1. How?
 2. “Christ lives in me” – Gal. 2:20
- III. God was Glorified – vs. 24

Cross References

Acts 9:2

2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:20-25

20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. 21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ. 23 Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. 24 But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

Acts 15:1-21

1 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question. 3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. 4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses." 6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they." 12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. 13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: 14 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 16 'After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.' 18 "Known to God from eternity are all His works. 19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

Matthew 13:55

55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?

Jude 1:1

1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,

Galatians 2:1

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

Acts 11:30

30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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