

## Faith: Trusting, Walking, Living

*A Study in Ruth & Galatians*

### Galatians 1:11–24

**Read Galatians 1:11–24.**

1. In what normal ways could Paul have received the gospel he preached? (v. 12a)
2. How is Paul's reception of the gospel anything but normal? (v. 12)
3. When Paul writes his epistle to the Galatians, he is a grace-filled apostle who loves the Lord Jesus.
  - a. Describe the priorities and lifestyle of Paul (whose original name was Saul) before he became a Christian.

Gal. 1:13–14

Acts 8:1–3

Acts 26:4–5

Acts 26:9–11

- b. Review Paul's conversion in Acts 9:1–19.
- c. Describe the new priorities and lifestyle of Paul after he became a Christian.

Acts 9:20–22

Philippians 3:1–11

4. Why was it so important for the Galatians to know how Paul received the gospel?
5. Why do you think Paul brings up his zeal for the traditions of Judaism and the ways he persecuted the church of God?

Is it likely that Paul would have willingly left all this for anything less than a revelation from heaven?

6. How does Paul recognize that God was at work in his life long before Jesus appeared to him on the Damascus Road? (vv. 15–16)

7. Why did God choose to reveal his Son to Paul? (v. 16; 📖\*compare Acts 9:15)

8. On the map below trace out Paul's travels as recorded in this passage. Note next to each place the length of time Paul spent there.



<http://www.ccel.org/bible/phillips/CN092MAPS1.htm> (edited)

9. What three proofs does Paul offer to convince the Galatians that he did not receive his gospel from the other apostles (or from any man)?

v. 17

vv. 18–20

vv. 21–24

10. Even though Paul did not confer with others about the gospel he was preaching, word got out about him.

a. What was the report? (v. 23)

b. What did the people do who heard the report? (v. 24)

c. Why?

11. Paul begins his defense of the gospel with his own story.

a. How does his story exemplify the changes that the gospel brings?

b. What changes have you experienced as a result of the gospel?

\*The 📖 symbol indicates verses for further study.