

Gospel Origins Galatians 1:11-24

“If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.”

-Augustine

I. A Greater Message

II. A Greater Power

III. A Greater Response

Into the Bible

In the last part of this first chapter of Galatians Paul describes his post-conversion experiences being “out of the limelight.” How did God’s plan of isolation for him uniquely prepare him for his ministry to the Gentiles (vv. 15-19)?

As Paul argues in 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 the Gospel appears to be foolishness to those outside the faith. It definitely is not the type of message that seems logical from our human perspective. What are some of the counter-intuitive teachings or seemingly paradoxical teachings of Jesus? (ex. “the last shall be first in the Kingdom”)

Application

Paul was personally very aware of the transforming power of the Gospel in his own life. The freedom it brings releases us from the slavery of our former lives. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11) Besides that, what are some of the things that the Gospel makes us free to do that we could not do before Christ?

For Families

Talk with your children about the changes that salvation brings to us.