

# Paul and his Gospel - Lesson Two

## Acts 8:1-3 9:1-30 Galatians 1:11-2:1,

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### PREPARATION

- Can you summarize from Galatians 1:1-12 what the problem in the churches in Galatia was?
- Read Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-30
- Read Galatians 1:11-24

### QUESTIONS

1. Why does Paul in his letter stress his life in Judaism and his persecution of the church? (Gal. 1:11-14)
2. Discuss how Paul describes the difference between his former and his present religious life. (Gal 1:13-16)
3. Why does Paul describe in detail what he did during the first 14 years of his ministry? (cf 2:1)
4. What does it say about his understanding of the Gospel? (Gal. 1:15-24)
5. How wise of Paul was it to try to understand the Gospel in isolation from the Church?
6. What role does our own Church play for us in our understanding of the Gospel?

### WORD STUDIES

- Gal 1:12 - Received <Parelabon> - technical term for “rabbinical tradition”
- Gal 1:13 - Church of God <ekklesia tou theou> cf Acts 19:32 “Assembly”. In Septuagint translation of Kahal Jahweh – Cf Deu 23:1  
Destroy <eporthoun> Cf 1:23  
intensely <kata hyperbole>, beyond measure. Cf 2 Cor 1:8
- Gal 1:14 - Traditions <paradosis> Hebr. halacha. 2 Thes 2:15
- Gal 1:16 - Reveal <apokalypsai>  
Gentiles <ethnes> Taboo for Jews but cf Gen 12:3, Isa 42:6
- Gal 1:19 - The Lord’s Brother <adelphos tou kuriou>
- Gal 1:23 - Faith <pistos> [act and content]
- Gal 1:24 - Praise <doxa> [Galatians did opposite]