



An Autobiographical Defense of the Gospel

Galatians 1:11-24

The accusations against Paul: *invented his own gospel*

1. He was not one of the Twelve
2. Appointed himself an apostle (man-made, self-ordained)

Paul's defense of his gospel: gospel was revealed to him by God, not man

1. *Prior to conversion, he hated Christ (13-14)*
2. *At conversion, divinely summoned (15-16a; cf. Acts 9:1-6)*
3. *After conversion, preached divine revelation; served (16b-24)*

Observations/applications

1. The gospel is not man-made but divine (11-12), emphasizing grace not works
2. Those seeking holiness through works miss the gospel (13-14)
3. Salvation comes to all whom God has set apart for Christ (15-16)
4. Those whom God saves are also called to service (16b)
5. In our service to God, what others think of us matters not (17-19)
6. When we preach faithfully yet remain unknown, we serve faithfully (22)
7. We are our best evangelistic witness (23)
8. Christians glorify God when we serve faithfully (24)