

Gravell Hill Baptist Church

Galatians 1:11-24

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Paul wants the churches of Galatia to know something, which he states in verse 11, everything else in these verses is used to support what Paul wants them to know.

Summarize (do not simply repeat) what Paul wants them to know based on verse 11, and how do verses 12-24 support what he wants them to know?

How is what Paul wants them to know in verse 11 and the proof of what he wants them to know in verses 12-24 related to verse 1a?

According to Gal 1:11-12 (NRSV), what did “the revelation of Jesus Christ” do?

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters,^a that **the gospel** that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin;¹² for I did not receive **it** from a human source, nor was I taught **it**, but I received **it** through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

It appears that in this context, the gospel and the revelation of Jesus Christ are two different “things.”

What is “the revelation of Jesus Christ”?

What was the Gospel preached by Paul to Gentiles, and how might it have different than a Gospel preached by the first apostles and disciples?

Background Points

- The post resurrection followers of Jesus were members of “The Way”
- “The Way” was considered a sect of Judaism, with the majority of the sect being ethnic Jews (like the original twelve, the majority of the disciples)
- Members of “The Way” would attend Synagogue, both in Israel but also across the Jewish Diaspora, but they also had the practice of establishing local churches for the teaching and preaching related to their particular sect
- Just like there was competition between Pharisees and Sadducees concerning those who were the true keepers of the ways of God, the followers of Jesus in “The Way” entered into these “denominational” rivalries
- “The Way” also included some Gentiles who were on a spectrum from full converts (for males this included circumcision) to God-Fearers.

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As Christianity grew and diversified from 33 C.E. to 60 C.E., during the life of Paul, and spread to more Gentile areas, would be the impact of the “freedom” in a Torah-free Gospel Church in the appeal to converts?

Consider parallels in the changing standards or practices, the relaxing of rules, and the openness of some denominations to those who had been previously excluded? What were the justifications for the changes and for the resistance to the changes?