

Defending the Gospel

(Galatians 1:17-24)

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Sunday Evening

Paul took an unpopular stand for the Gospel in Galatians, his Battle Epistle.

- 1. In chapters 1-2, Paul gives his personal response and defends his apostleship.**
- 2. In chapters 3-4, Paul gives his doctrinal response and defends justification by faith alone in Christ alone.**
- 3. In chapters 5-6, Paul gives his practical response and defends sanctification by faith.**

In chapter one Paul begins by

- A. Expounding the Gospel in 1:1-5
- B. Condemning the False Teachers in 1:6-9
- C. Clearing his Name in 1:10-12
- D. Sharing his Salvation Experience
 - 1) Our Sinful Past (1:13-14)
 - 2) Our Supernatural Conversion (1:15-16)
 - 3) Our New Life in Christ (1:17-24)

a) Witness Immediately (Gal 1:16-17) Paul first went to Damascus (Acts 9:17-21)

1. He identified with God's people
2. He was baptized

b) Grow Spiritually (Gal 1:16-17) Paul then went to Arabia (Acts 9:22)

1. Why did Paul go to Arabia?
2. Where in Arabia?
3. How long?
4. What was the result?

c) Fellowship with Godly People (Gal 1:18) Paul finally went to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-29)

1. We Christian friends
2. We can be a Barnabas

d) Serve faithfully (Gal 1:19-24) Paul went back home in Tarsus (Acts 9:30-31)