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## BOOK OF GALATIANS - LESSON 2

### Chapter One, Continued

- Divine Revelation (V12)** *“For I neither \_\_\_\_\_ it of \_\_\_\_\_, neither was I \_\_\_\_\_, but by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.”* This is Paul’s declaration of the facts to those brethren he would call (3:1), *“O \_\_\_\_\_ Galatians.”* This was no time for tiptoeing around the rosebush. Paul had taught them the truth which he plainly states he had received directly from our Lord. They had obeyed his inspired teaching and then been seduced away by false teachers.
- Back To Reality (V12)** Paul is trying to jolt them back to reality of Christ’s truth. Jesus had told the Apostles that the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:26) would *“teach you \_\_\_\_\_ things, and bring \_\_\_\_\_ things to your \_\_\_\_\_, whatsoever \_\_\_\_\_ have said \_\_\_\_\_ you.”*
- The Jew’s Religion (V13)** *“For ye have \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ in time \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ religion...”* Paul’s background (Phil 3:5) being *“of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Benjamin, an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a \_\_\_\_\_”* was widely known. Judaism, or *“the Jew’s religion,”* as Paul called it, was by now the original law conveyed through Moses and the prophets plus many traditions and elaborations added by succeeding generations over 1,500 years of time. It became merely “a religion” and for centuries the Israelites had been bereft of God’s grace and had lost their sovereignty as a civil nation.
- More (V13)** Most knew *“how that beyond \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and \_\_\_\_\_ it.”* Jesus is (1 Jn 5:7) *“the Word”* and (Jn 1:1) *“the \_\_\_\_\_ was God”* so the phrase *“church of God”* coincides with Paul’s local usage (Rom 16:16) of *“the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.”* The Jews as a whole never accepted Jesus as the Christ. Paul had been a devout Jew so it was logical that as Saul of Tarsus he would despise and persecute Christ’s church.
- Paul’s Former Status (V14)** *“And \_\_\_\_\_ in the Jews’ religion \_\_\_\_\_ many my \_\_\_\_\_ in mine own nation, being \_\_\_\_\_ exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of my fathers.”* This is an unabashed admission by Paul. He quickly rose to the top of the Jewish ranks for reasons given. His religiosity was greater but that’s not to be confused with true faith in God.
- God’s Use Of Paul (V15)** *“But \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and \_\_\_\_\_ me by \_\_\_\_\_ grace...”* It was Jesus who intercepted Saul as he was enroute to Damascus to (Acts 9:2) arrest Christians and *“bring them \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_.”* His whole life changed within a matter of days when Ananias, an old Christian, informed him of Christ and (Acts 22:16) told him to *“arise, and be \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ away thy \_\_\_\_\_, calling on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.”* He obeyed from the heart and the rest is now history.
- His Call (V16)** *“To reveal his \_\_\_\_\_ in me that I might \_\_\_\_\_ him among the \_\_\_\_\_.”* Paul would be especially called (Eph 3:8) to *“\_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_.”*