

GALATIANS

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Galatians 1:13-24

READ

Galatians 1:13-24 Acts 9:26-30

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What was the impact of the Apostle Paul's "former manner of life" (v. 13)?

2. Identify the two characteristics of his work?

What did this look like? (How serious was Paul in his work?)

- Acts 26:9, 11
- 1 Timothy 1:13
- Acts 9:1
- Acts 22:4

3. What is Paul expressing when he says, "I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen" (v. 14)? (What does this suggest about his business of persecution?)

4. Check your study Bible or a commentary. What were the "ancestral traditions"? (How did this differ from the Law of Moses?)

How did Paul's extreme zeal for these traditions affect his work?

5. Identify three things God did in Paul's life (vv. 15-16a). (How significant is the word "But"?)

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)

What was the critical element at work on God's part (two little words) and how does this help *you* manage your past and press on to the future in Christ?

What was the purpose of this divine intervention (v. 16a)? (What was Paul's new calling?)

6. How did Paul react to his new calling (vv. 16b-17)? (Any ideas as to why?)

What (likely) happened during this time (c.f., vv. 11-12)? How long was this period?

7. What did Paul hope to accomplish by meeting with church leaders in Jerusalem (v. 18)?

How did this go (v. 19; c.f., Acts 9:26-30)?

8. Contrast Paul's former manner of life in Judaism with his latter life in Christ (vv. 22-24). How did each impact the churches?

9. Take some time to write out your testimony based on Paul's testimony (three elements). Keep it brief. (Can you express it in two minutes or less?)

- Describe life before you came to Christ.
- Detail how you came to Christ. (How did Jesus get your attention and your faith?)
- Relate how life has changed since you came to Christ.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will allow God's grace to be at work in my life this week by . . .

2. I will allow God to reveal His Son in me this week by . . .