



The Impact of Paul Galatians 1:18-24

I. PAUL'S REVELATION FROM CHRIST

- Paul's gospel includes both justification by faith and sanctification by the Holy Spirit both on the basis of the work of Christ on the cross (*1:4; 3:3*).
- Paul declares before God that his gospel did not come from any human source, including the other Apostles, but from Christ directly (*11-17; 18-20*).

II. PAUL'S RENOWN IN CHRIST

- Paul was renowned throughout the known world for his conversion to Christ and for his life's service which was anchored in Christ (*21-23*).
- Paul exemplified the crucified life, considering his own life to be of no value to himself. He was thus a powerful witness for Christ.
- He endured much physical and mental suffering for Christ (*Acts 13,14,15,16,17,18,20,21,27; 2Cor. 11:23-28*).

III. PAUL'S RESULT FOR CHRIST

- Believers everywhere glorified God because of the ministry and life of Paul. This was his sole motivation for service for Christ (*24*).
- Paul was the preeminent apostle to the church of Jesus Christ and his writings are the basic charter of the church.

Application

PAUL'S REVELATION FROM CHRIST

Application 1:

The application from Paul is to go first to the Bible under the direction of the indwelling Holy Spirit and then if desired discuss with others or consult with other authorities.

PAUL'S RENOWN IN CHRIST

Application 2: The man

Question: Do you have a barrier in your life beyond which you will not go?

Application 3: The Messiah

He came as king to reign over your life but he also came as the suffering servant to bear your sin

Question: Are you hesitant about speaking the name of Jesus Christ in our PC culture?

Application 4: The Message

Question: Do you tone down the message? Paul didn't!

PAUL'S RESULT FOR CHRIST

Application 5:

The primary motivation for living for Christ is to bring glory to God. Other motives such as desiring to please God, serving Him because of what He has done for you, or out of a sense of obligation are at best secondary.

Question: What motivates your life's mission?