

The Minister's Life Was Completely Changed
Galatians 01: 10–16

1 *He sought to please God not men*

10 Am I now trying to win
the approval of men, or of God?
Or am I trying to please men?
If I were still trying to please men,
I would not be a servant of Christ.

2 *He proclaimed the gospel*

a. Not a man-made gospel

11 I want you to know, brothers,
that the gospel I preached is not something
that man made up.

b. Not received from man

12 I did not receive it from any man,
nor was I taught it;
rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

c. A revelation from Christ

3 *He had a radical change of life*

a. His former experience

13 For you have heard
of my previous way of life in Judaism,
how intensely I persecuted the church of God
and tried to destroy it.

1) An arch-persecutor

2) A supreme example
of self-righteousness

14 I was advancing in Judaism
beyond many Jews of my own age
and was extremely zealous
for the traditions of my fathers.

b. His radical change

1) Set apart
and called by God's grace

15 But when God, who set me apart from birth
and called me by his grace, was pleased

2) Called as a minister
to reveal Christ

16 To reveal his Son in me
so that I might preach him among the Gentiles.
I did not consult any man.

3) Called to preach Christ

4) Called to seek his gospel
from God alone

The Minister Followed God First in His life
Galatians 01: 17-24

- 1 First,**
he went to Arabia:
He got alone with God
- 2 Second,**
he returned to Damascus:
He corrected the wrong
he had previously done
- 3 Third,**
he went to Jerusalem:
He faced his past, vv. 13-14
- a. Faced Peter and James:
Faced them as an equal
- did not consult them
about the gospel
- b. A solemn protest, see vv. 11-12
- 4 Fourth,**
he went to Syria and Cilicia,
that is, Tarsus:
He faced his hometown
- 5 The result of a God-centred life**
- a. His testimony spread
- b. His life honoured God

- 17 Nor did I go up to Jerusalem
to see those who were apostles before I was,
but I went immediately into Arabia
and later returned to Damascus.
- 18 Then after three years,
I went up to Jerusalem
to get acquainted with Peter
and stayed with him fifteen days.
- 19 I saw none of the other apostles
- only James,
the Lord's brother.
- 20 I assure you before God
that what I am writing you is no lie.
- 21 Later I went to Syria and Cilicia.
- 22 I was personally unknown
to the churches of Judea
that are in Christ.
- 23 They only heard the report:
"The man who formerly persecuted us
is now preaching the faith
he once tried to destroy."
- 24 And they praised God because of me.