

Paul And Peter

Galatians 2:6-19

Paul's Apostleship Galatians 1:11-24

Verse 16 Purpose for which Jesus appeared to him.

1. **"To reveal his Son in me"** cf. Acts 9:5 *"that I might preach Him among the Gentiles."* cf. Acts 26:16-18; 9:15-16.
2. **"Conferred not with flesh and blood."** cf. Acts 9:20 *"Straightway."*
 - a. Paul did not learn what he knew from others, but by revelation.
 - b. Not behind any of the apostles. 2 Corinthians 12:11

Verse 17 Paul did not go to those who were apostles before him ...

1. Paul went to Arabia – returned to Damascus.
 - a. cf. Acts 9:23-25 *"many days" in Damascus.*
 - b. Jews took council to kill him. cf. 2 Corinthians 11:32-33 (escaped in a basket let down through a wall).



Verse 18 *"After three years."* Probably from the time of his conversion. cf. Acts 9:23-25.

1. *"Went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas."*
Paul's first visit to Jerusalem following his conversion.
2. *"Tarried fifteen days"* ... time too short to be taught of Peter. Acts 9:26-30; 22:17-21
3. Verse 19 On this visit Paul saw Peter and James, the Lord's brother.



Verse 21 Taken secretly by the disciples from Jerusalem to Caesarea – sailed to Tarsus in Cilicia. (Acts 9:26-30; 22:17-21)

Barnabas later came and brought him to Antioch (Acts 11:25-26).



Verse 22 Paul yet unknown by face to the churches of Judea.

Paul was known by the disciples in Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-30). Yet, not by the "churches" in the area around it.

Verse 23 Note the dramatic change they heard about Paul.

"Times past.." (cf. 1:13; Acts 9:21)
"He now preacheth the faith." (verse 23)

Verse 24 *"They glorified God in me."*

- The gospel which Paul had sought to destroy, was THE SAME GOSPEL which he is now preaching.
- The Judaeen churches glorify God.

Paul's Visit To Jerusalem

Verse 1 After 14 years Paul went up with Barnabas, Titus & "certain other brethren" to Jerusalem. cf. Acts 15:2

- Paul made three trips to Jerusalem.
 1. Acts 9:26ff → Galatians 1:18
 2. Acts 11:27-12:25
 3. Acts 15:1-5 → Galatians 2:1ff

The Occasion

Verse 2

1. "Went up by revelation"-
 - Paul did not go up to learn the gospel.
 - The trip to Jerusalem was more than a request of the brethren in Antioch. cf. Acts 15:1-2.
2. Paul laid "before them the gospel" he preached among the Gentiles.
 - a. The disciples in Jerusalem must understand the consistency of what Paul preached. (cf. Acts 15:4-5, 12; 25:14-21)
 - b. Paul did not preach a "different gospel."

Verse 2-5

- Met those who were "of repute" (pillars, verse 9) (Acts 15:6)
- Met "false brethren." verse 4
- Was unyielding, "no not for an hour." verse 5

The Outcome

Verse 6-9

Peter apostle to the Jews.

Paul "apostle unto the Gentiles" (Acts 9:15; 22:17-20)

1. The same gospel was preached to Jews and Gentiles!
2. Fellowship extended.

Peter's Apostleship

Saw miracles:

- Walked on the water. Matthew 14:28-30
- Transfiguration. Matthew 17
- Witnessed the resurrection. Acts 2; 3; 4; 5

Performed miracles:

- Healed lame man. Acts 3, Aeneas 9:32-34
- Raised Dorcas. Acts 9:40

Peter's Visit To Antioch

- Peter had taught the truth in Jerusalem. Acts 2:21; 10:34-35; 11:12; 15:7ff
- Now is the hypocrite. Galatians 2:11-19
 - First ate with Gentiles.
 - Separated himself.
 - Feared the circumcision.
 - Others carried away.

The Outcome

- Paul confronted Peter. Galatians 2:11-19
- Paul's equality with Peter demonstrated.
- Peter's respect for Paul undiminished. (cf. 2 Peter 3:15-16)

The Outcome

- Peter described Paul as *"our beloved brother Paul."* (2 Peter 3:15-16)
- Peter acknowledged the *"wisdom"* given to Paul.
- Peter recognized Paul's epistles as *"Scriptures."*

Lessons

- Courage of Paul.
 - Refusing to concede to pressure by false brethren.
 - Stood alone.
 - Rebuked a respected brother.
- Humility of Peter.
 - Love for a brother, desire to go to heaven.

Both left EVERYTHING to follow Jesus.
Paul – (Philippians 3) Peter – (Luke 5:11)