**A Living Testimony**

*Galatians 1:11-24*

If anyone knew what it was like to have his credibility and reputation attacked and slandered, it was the Apostle Paul.

* In the text, he continues to deal with an ongoing “C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” issue which he began talking about earlier in the letter.

Paul wrote this letter to defend the truth of the Gospel of grace and to defend the authority of his apostolic calling. (v 1)

He restated and reiterated this truth in verses 11 and 12.

* Both of these statements were particularly directed against the Judaizers who had received their understanding of the Scriptures from D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ human interpretations.

Paul, on the other hand, declared that he did not receive his understanding of the Gospel not from man (or human interpretations), but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Some of the Galatians were obviously committing “G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” when they stopped believing Paul’s Gospel of grace and began to embrace the Gospel of Law.

Paul says, “If you want proof that the Gospel of Grace is true and that my apostolic ministry can be trusted, just look at what it has done to me. I’m a living testimony (grace case!)

Like Paul, you are a living testimony how God is able to change your life.

1. **Because God S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You**
2. Despite bad things about your past (v13)

The word “destroy” = to W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out – to ravage.

Despite some of the things we did in the past, God still saved us…!

1. Despite your lack of understanding the gospel (v14)

Paul admits that he thought he was doing the right thing by trying to be the best Jew he could be, but he admits that he didn’t fully understand the gospel…!

Like Paul, most of us did not fully understand the Bible and the teachings of the church when we first became Christians…!

1. **Because God S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ You** (v15-16
2. You have been sovereignly selected (v15a)
3. You Have Been Sovereignly Saved (v15b)

Romans 8:30 says, “Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom he called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

1. You Have Been Sovereignly S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v16a)
2. **Because God Changed You**
3. The C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your change
* It is an individual confirmation (v16b-17)

The confirmation of your salvation shows up in how your life has changed.

* It is a corporate confirmation.(v18-20; 21-23)
1. The celebration of your change (Verse 24)