**A Study of Galatians**

*Lesson 2: Gal 1:11-24 –* The Legitimacy of Paul’s Apostleship

***Galatians 1:11-24***

***11***But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.   ***12***For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught [it,] but [it came] through the revelation of Jesus Christ.   ***13***For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and [tried to] destroy it.   ***14***And I advanced in Juda-ism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceed-ingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.   ***15*** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called [me] through His grace,   ***16***to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,   ***17***nor did I go up to Jeru-salem to those [who were] apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.   ***18***Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.   ***19***But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.   ***20***(Now [concerning] the things which I write to you, indeed, be-fore God, I do not lie.)   ***21***Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cili-cia.   ***22*** And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which [were] in Christ.   ***23***But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once [tried to] destroy."   ***24***And they glorified God in me.

**Paul’s Defense of the Gospel Through a defense of his Apostleship – 1:12-24**

1. Possible Attacks on Paul (Chap1,2)
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1. 1:11-12 – Paul’s arguments for apostleship.
2. 1:13-14 – Paul arguments drawn from his life before his conversion.
3. 1:15-17 – Paul arguments (3) drawn from his conversion
4. 1:18-20 – Paul arguments drawn from his first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion.
5. 1:21-24 – Paul arguments drawn from his stay in Syria and Cilicia

**Questions:**

1. Why is it so easy for us to “forget” that which we once knew?

2. What lessons about our own service to God might we learn from Paul’s defense of

himself in this passage?