



TREASURING THE

Grace

OF CHRIST

# Transformation

**The gospel of Jesus Christ is trustworthy  
and transformative because its origin is  
divine.**

**Before (Gal 1:10-14)**

## **Galatians 1:10-14 (ESV)**

**For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.**

## **Galatians 1:10-14 (ESV)**

**<sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.**

## **Galatians 1:10-14 (ESV)**

**<sup>14</sup> And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.**

## **Acts 8:1-3 (ESV)**

**And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. <sup>2</sup> Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him.**

## **Acts 8:1-3 (ESV)**

**<sup>3</sup> But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.**

## **Acts 9:1-3 (ESV)**

**But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.**

**<sup>3a</sup> Now as he went on his way...**

**During (Gal 1:15-16a)**

## **Galatians 1:15-16a (ESV)**

**But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16a</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me**

# **1 Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)**

**I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,**

# **1 Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)**

**<sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

**<sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason,**

# **1 Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)**

**that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**After (Gal 1:16b-24)**

## **Galatians 1:16b-24 (ESV)**

**in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.**

## **Galatians 1:16b-24 (ESV)**

**<sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup> (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) <sup>21</sup> Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.**

## **Galatians 1:16b-24 (ESV)**

**<sup>22</sup> And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup> They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.**

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