

# **Not From Men**

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Galatians 1:1 (ESV)

Paul, an apostle—**not from men nor through man**, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead.

**Our Kingdom Life is Not From Men but from God!**



Acts 9:1–6 (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>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and **suddenly** a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, **he heard a voice saying to him**, “Saul, Saul, **why are you persecuting me?**” <sup>5</sup> And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.**” <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and **you will be told what you are to do.**”

**Paul's encounter with Jesus shaped Paul's entire life. This shows the extent to which God will go to reveal Himself to His chosen people. God is still working today in the very same way! Therefore our call and our message should be without any human explanation! Personal testimony!**

Galatians 1:11–12 (ESV)

**<sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. <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.**

**What is the revelation of Jesus Christ today? How do we know we have received a revelation of Jesus Christ and not man? How do we know we have the absolute truth? 2Tim.3:16 says that Scripture is God breathed! **It is revelation; the very breath of God!****

John 5:39 (NIV)

**You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. **These are the very Scriptures that testify about me.****

**It is all about Jesus revealed in Scripture, not men!**

**Matt.22:29 (Jesus instructed the religious!)**

**But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because **you know neither** the Scriptures nor the power of God."**

## **#1 Know the Scriptures:**

The Scriptures are the revelation of Jesus Christ. If you read the Scriptures **you will receive the gospel directly from Jesus Christ.**

## **#2 Know the Power of God:**

Since the revelation of Jesus is not from men but from God, **the revelation of Jesus brings Holy Spirit power; empowered change. Truth: Revelation of Jesus brings change!**

Galatians 1:13 (ESV)

For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.

Something changed Paul from one person to another person! Paul didn't just think different; he was transformed by the encounter with Jesus, the very presence of God, and by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit!

2Cor.5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation.** The old has passed away; **behold, the new has come.**

1Pet.1:23

**You have been born again,** not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **through the living and abiding word of God.**

**This is not from man! It is not being sincere! It is not being zealous! It is the born again! It is the new creations!**

Galatians 1:14 (ESV)

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.

**Paul was always zealous, but it was the relationship with Christ that changed him. Paul grieved over those who were zealous, but didn't have a relationship with Christ!**

Rom.10:1-3

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. **For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.** For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

**Zeal must be based on relationship not effort.**

Galatians 1:16 (ESV)

**(God) was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles.**

**Revelation from Jesus brings a changed life and produces a zeal, which proclaims Jesus Christ!**

Galatians 1:23 (ESV)

They were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.”

**This is a zeal Not From Men! God uses everyone!**

Eph.3:8

To me, though **I am the very least of all the saints**, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

**Anyone one who has a revelation from Christ; who meets with Christ will be forever changed! Paul went from persecutor to advocate! His value system changed. Our value system will change!**

Galatians 1:10 (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.

**Our Revelation is Not from Men but from Jesus:**

2Cor.5:21 (NIV)

**God made HIM** who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in HIM we might become the righteousness of God.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***