

Paul's Testimony (Part 1) Galatians 1:11-24

The Judaizers accusation was that Paul had heard the Gospel message from the apostles in Jerusalem, split from them, appointed himself an apostle despite having no apostolic credentials, and begun preaching a false, circumcision-free, grace-based Gospel message.

V.11: Paul's _____ came directly from Jesus, and was received on the road to Damascus.

As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.
- Acts 8:3

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. - Acts 9:1-2

I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.
- Acts 22:4-5

Nobody is so good that they don't _____ the grace of God, and nobody is so bad that they're _____ the grace of God.

V.15: God's _____ was at work in our lives before we were even _____.

He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ... - Philippians 1:6

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."
- Jeremiah 1:5 (God speaking to Jeremiah)

...Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant... - Isaiah 1:5 (Isaiah speaking of God)

V.17: Sometimes the Lord uses _____ to free us from distractions, liberate us from unhealthy dependencies, draw us closer to Him, and give us _____.

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus. - Acts 9:26-30

If we will focus on daily _____ to the Lord, He will produce great _____ over the course of our lives.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...
- 1 Peter 2:9