

# ***IT'S ALL GOD***

**Scripture:** Galatians 1:11-24  
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Paul's is a story that shows us that God loves to save bad people. No one is beyond the reach of His amazing grace! Paul begins by asserting that his message is not "man's gospel." Paul did not learn the gospel from other apostles or human teachers; he received it through a direct revelation from Jesus Christ. True Christianity is not a religion we make up or a philosophy we craft to make ourselves feel better. It is a message revealed by God.

Paul uses his own history as proof that the gospel is a supernatural force, not just a set of ideas. Before Christ, Paul (Saul) was a violent persecutor of the church, advanced in Judaism and extremely zealous for traditional laws. God "set him apart" from birth and called him by grace, turning a terrorist into a missionary. When the gospel takes root, it changes us from the inside out—turning persecutors into advocates, critics into lovers, and self-righteous people into humbled followers of grace.

Like Paul, we have all been "persecutors" of God's will in our own way—whether through pride, disobedience, or apathy. But the same Jesus who met Paul meets us. The gospel is not a message we invent; it is a grace we receive. Let us be people who glorify God for the radical transformations He works in us, just as the churches in Judea did for Paul.

## **GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)**

1. From where did the gospel come? How do most religions typically propose a person can find salvation or fulfillment? How is the true gospel different?
2. Some people today claim that they have received a direct message from God. How should you respond to them?
3. What were people saying about Paul's conversion? What does this suggest about the grace of God?
4. Paul's conversion story is traumatic and dramatic, but how is it similar to the conversion experiences of all Christians?