

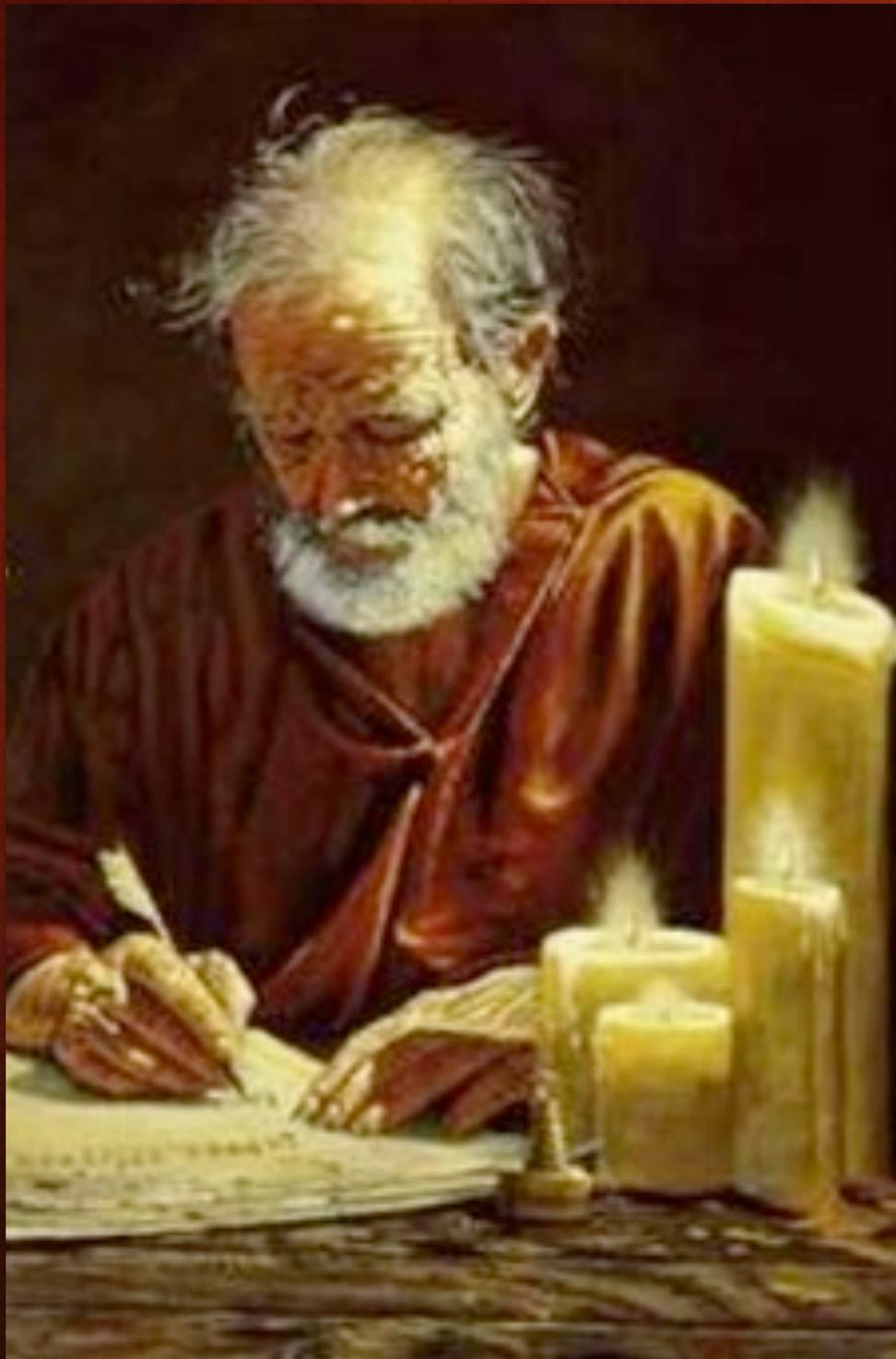


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**“The Source of the Gospel
Taught By Paul” – (1:11–2:10)**

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- **Not really another gospel because there is only one gospel**

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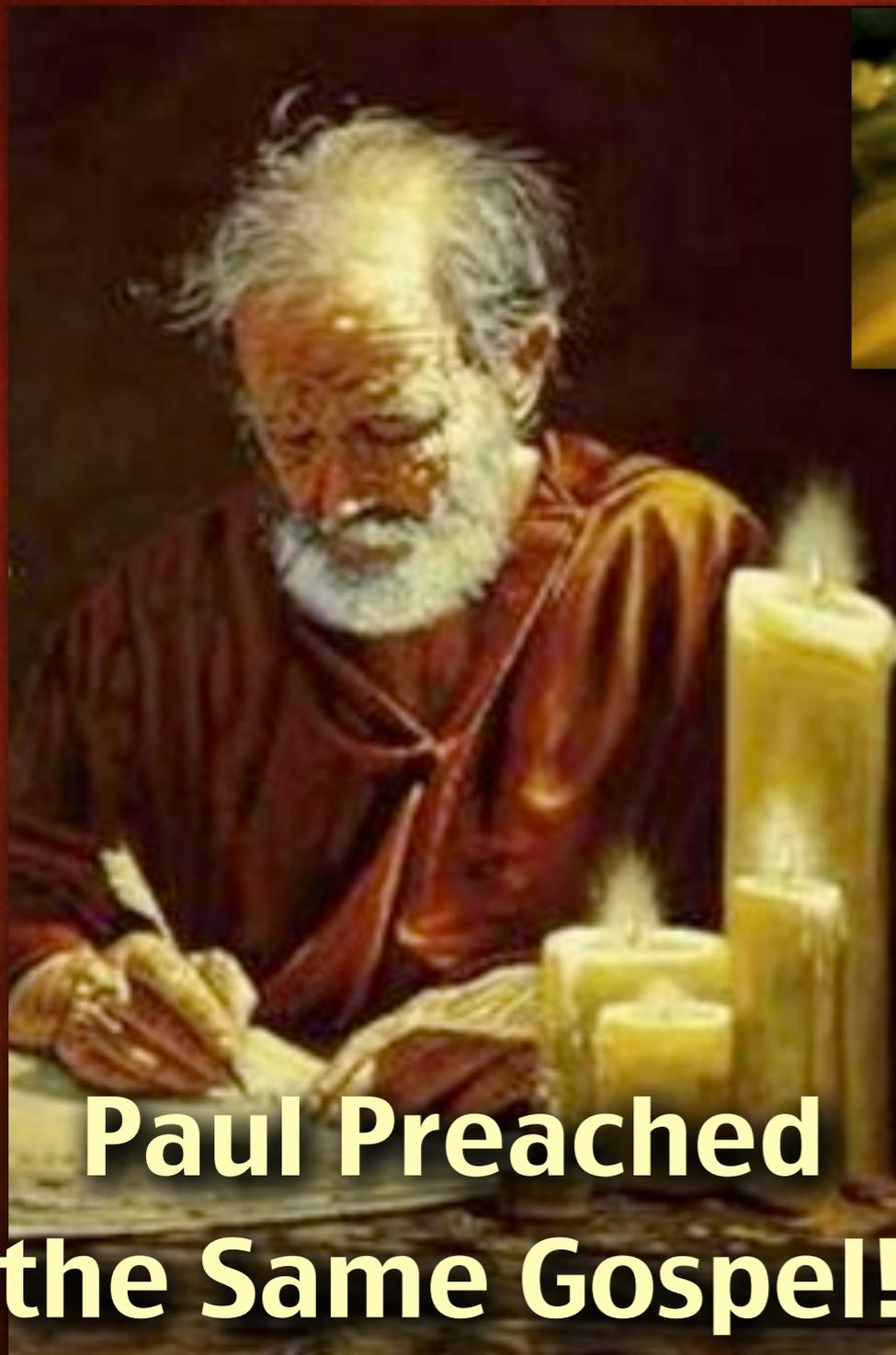
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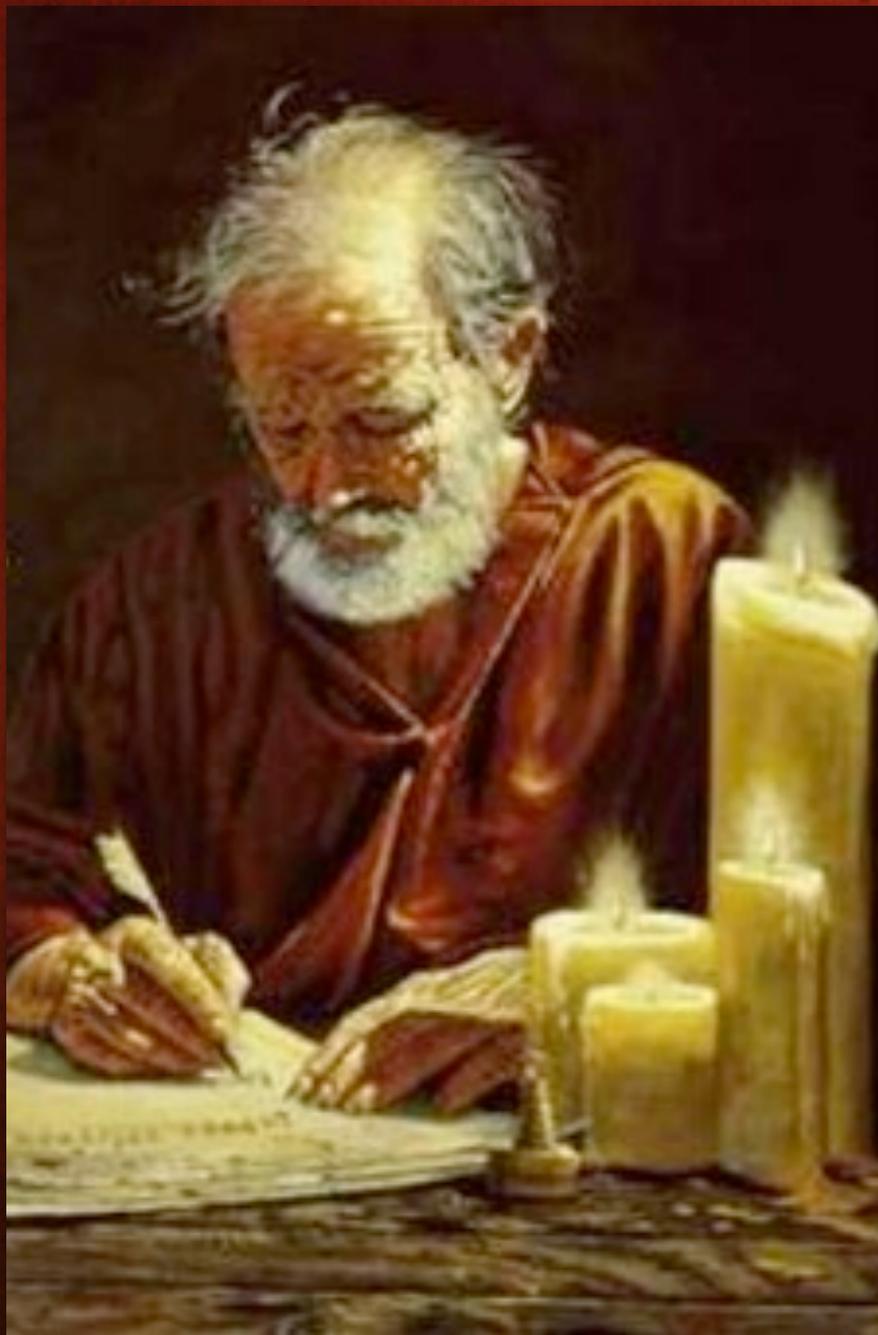


**Paul Preached
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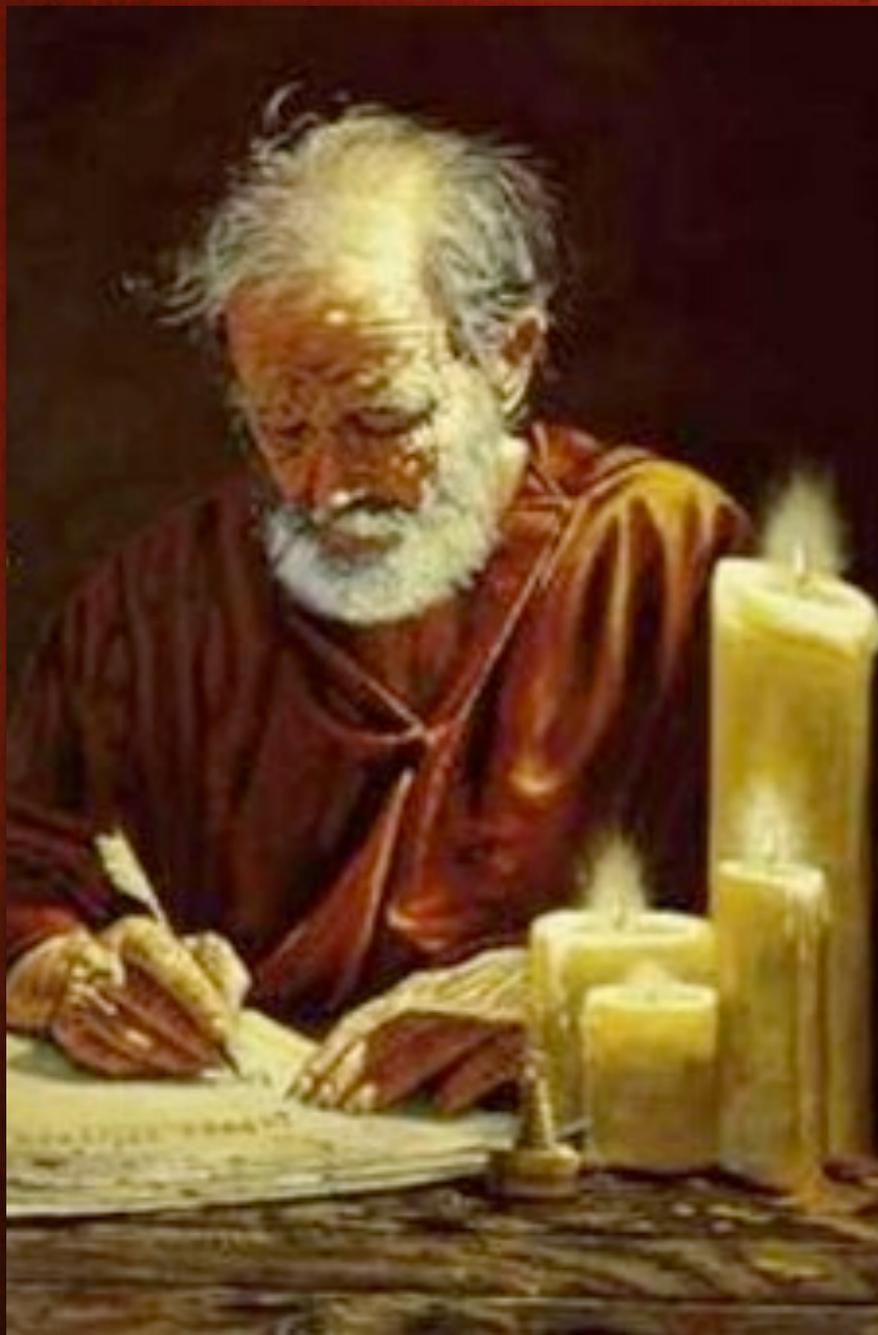
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“The Source of the Gospel Taught By Paul” – (Gal. 1:11–2:10)



- **This Section Is A Defense of Paul’s Authority (1:11–2:21)**
- **By deduction we can infer that Paul was being charged of**
 - * Preaching a man made gospel
 - * Not having apostolic approval for what he taught.
 - * Not being recognized as an apostle by the other apostles.
 - * His authority being inferior to that of the other apostles in Jerusalem.

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- **This Section Is A Defense of Paul’s Authority (1:11–2:21)**
- **Arguing autobiographically, Paul declared that**
 - * His apostleship was independent of the other apostles - The gospel he preached was directly from the Lord - 1:11,12
 - * He was an apostle before he met the other apostles - 1:13-17
 - * When he did meet them he was received as an equal 1:18-2:10
 - * He even found it necessary to rebuke Peter - 2:11-21

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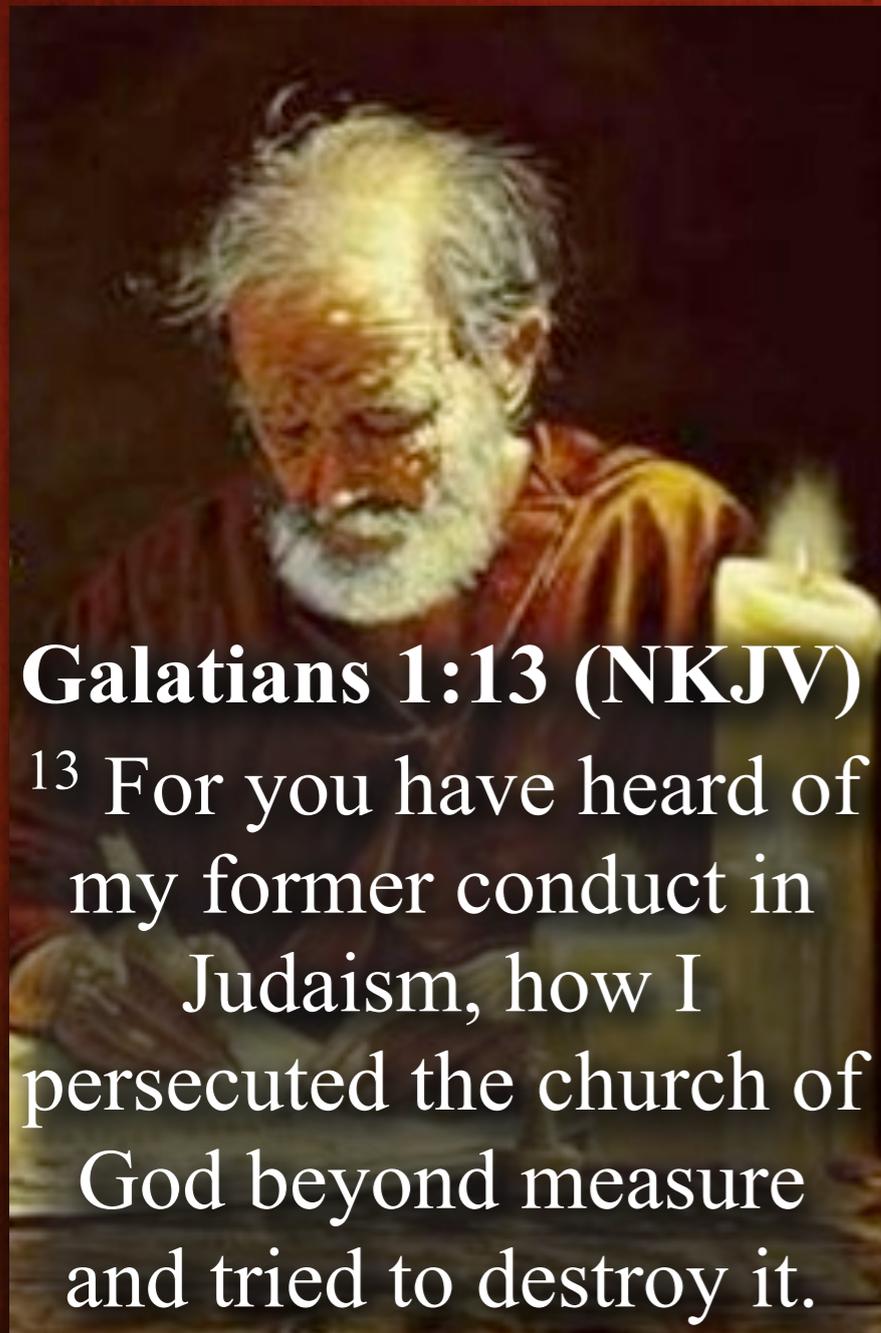
Galatians 1:11-12 (NKJV)

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.

- **Paul "certified" or makes known that the gospel he preached did not originate with any man -**
 - * Not according to man i.e., not after the manner of, not agreeable with, not from the will of - cf 1 Cor 2:9; 2 Peter 1:20,21
 - * He personally did not receive what he taught from any man - 1 Cor. 2:10-13
- **His message came directly from Jesus Christ**
 - * On the way to Damascus and after his conversion (Acts 26:13-18). There were successive revelations (2 Cor 11:23; 12:1).

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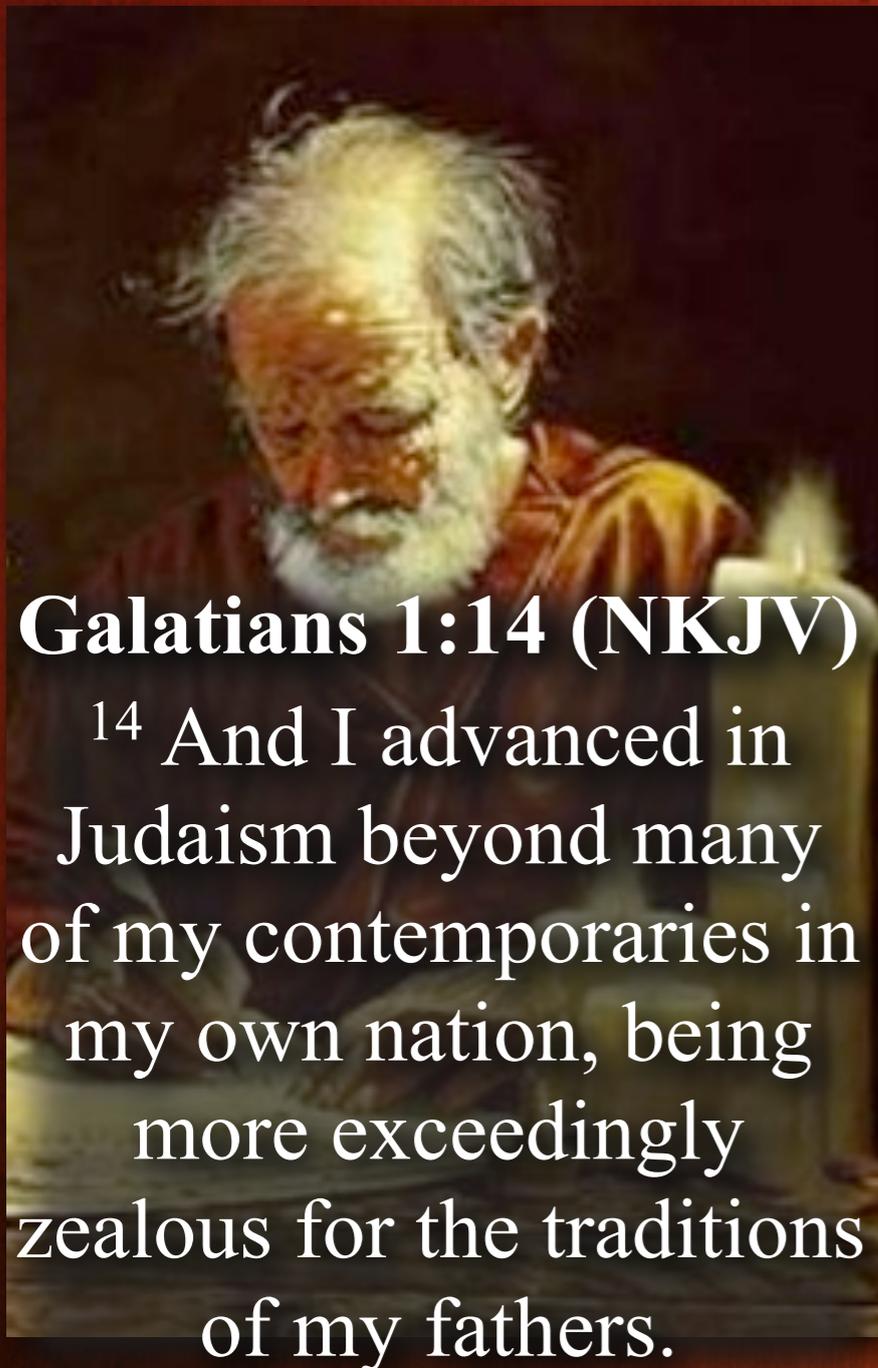
- **Paul’s life before his conversion – 13,14**
 - ✳ Persecuted the church beyond measure, trying to destroy it - 13; cf Acts 9:21; 22:4; 26:9-11. etc.



Galatians 1:13 (NKJV)

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.

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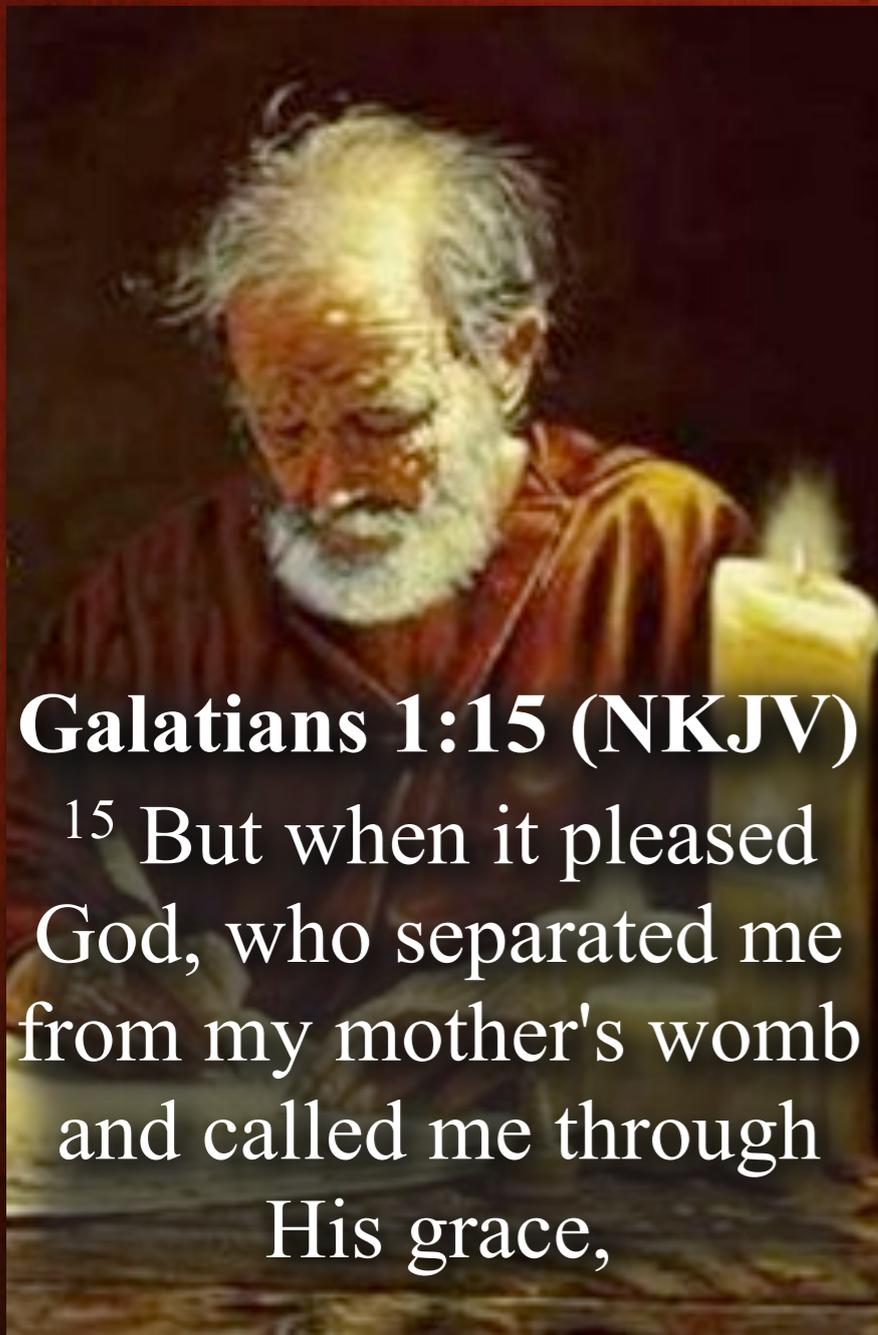


Galatians 1:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

- **Paul's life before his conversion – 13,14**
 - * Persecuted the church beyond measure, trying to destroy it - 13; cf Acts 9:21; 22:4; 26:9-11. etc.
 - * He was also zealous to advance as a Pharisee in Judaism - 14; Acts 22:3; 26:5-9; Phil 3:4-6
 - * Thus who could accuse Paul of not being acquainted with the teachings of Judaism when he knew them better than the Judaizers?

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Galatians 1:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

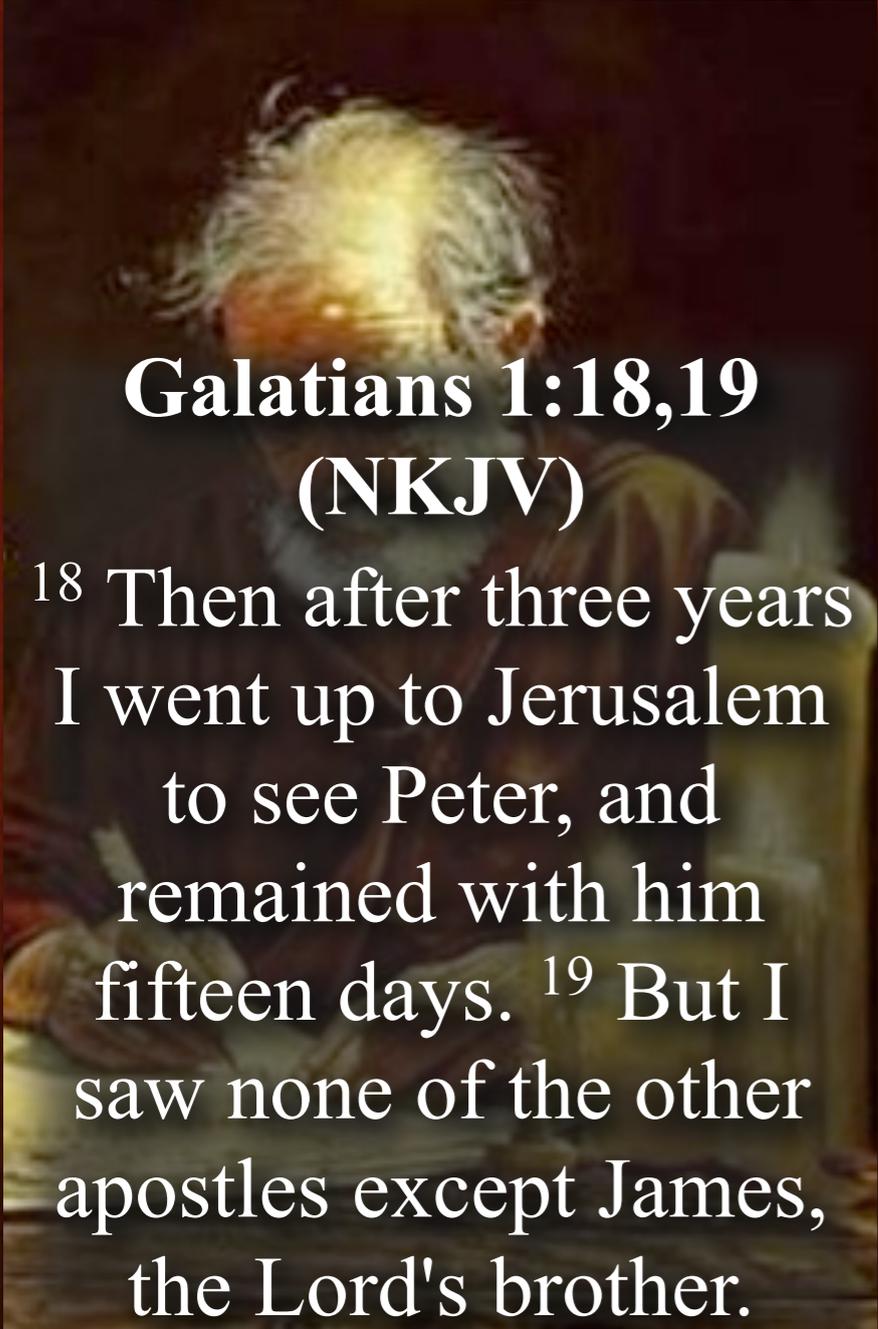
● Evidence of Paul's apostleship from his conversion – 1:15–17

- * God was the cause of his existence in this world -
- * God is also the cause of His conversion - when it pleased God, He called Paul through His grace - 2 Thes. 2:14
- * God revealed His Son, Jesus, to him so he could preach Him to the Gentiles - 16; Acts 9:15; 22:21; 26:17,18; Eph 3:1-10; Col. 1:25-27
- * Paul denies conferring with flesh & blood, including the apostles, but went to Arabia & back to Damascus - 16,17

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- Evidence of Paul's Apostleship From His Associations Immediately Following His Conversion – 1:15–17

- * Paul then reinforces his argument by asserting that he waited three years after his conversion to go to Jerusalem,
- * When he did go, it was to get acquainted with Peter, that is, it was a personal visit lasting only 15 days.
- * Paul then left because of a plot against his life (cf. Acts 9:29; 22:17-21).

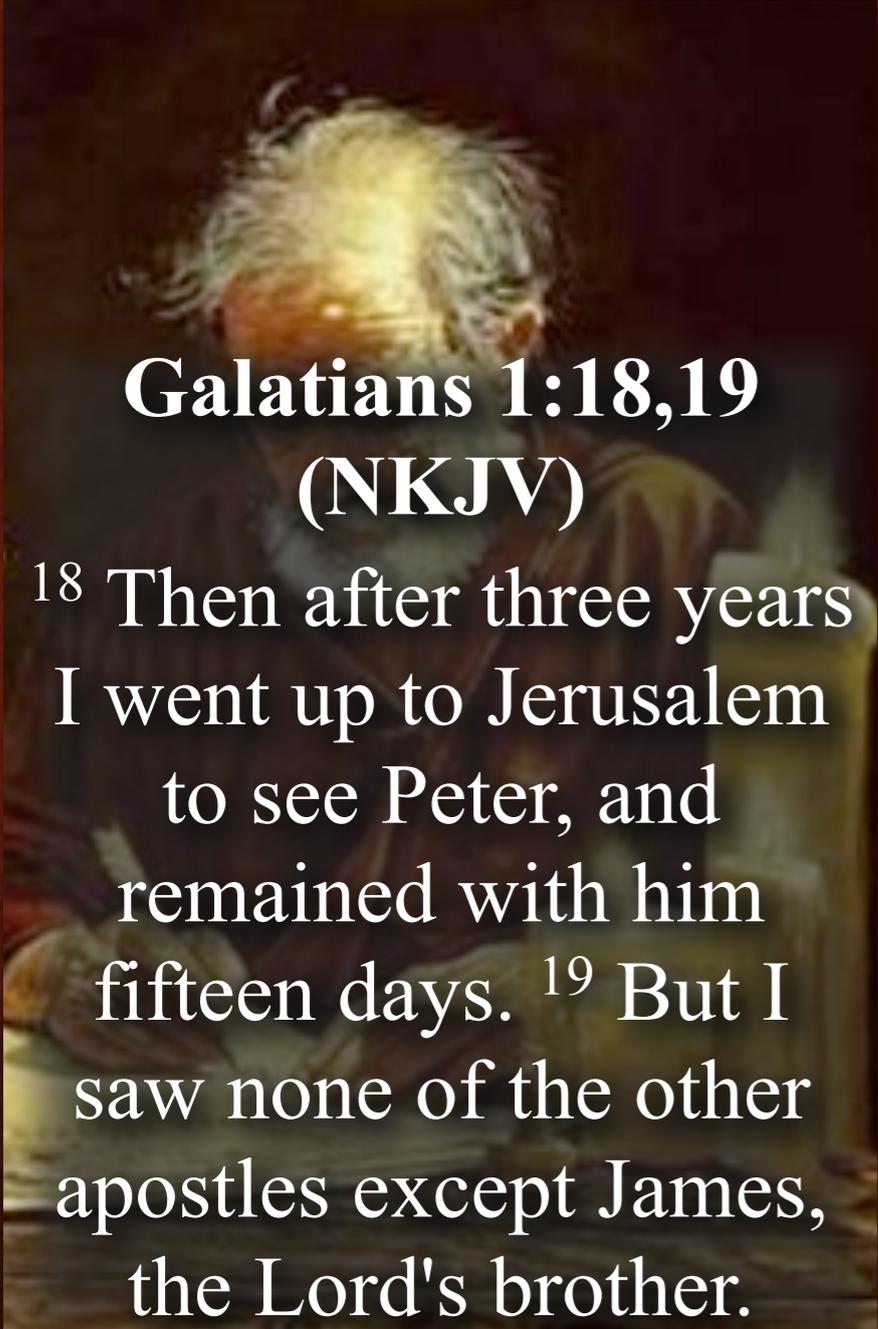


Galatians 1:18,19 (NKJV)

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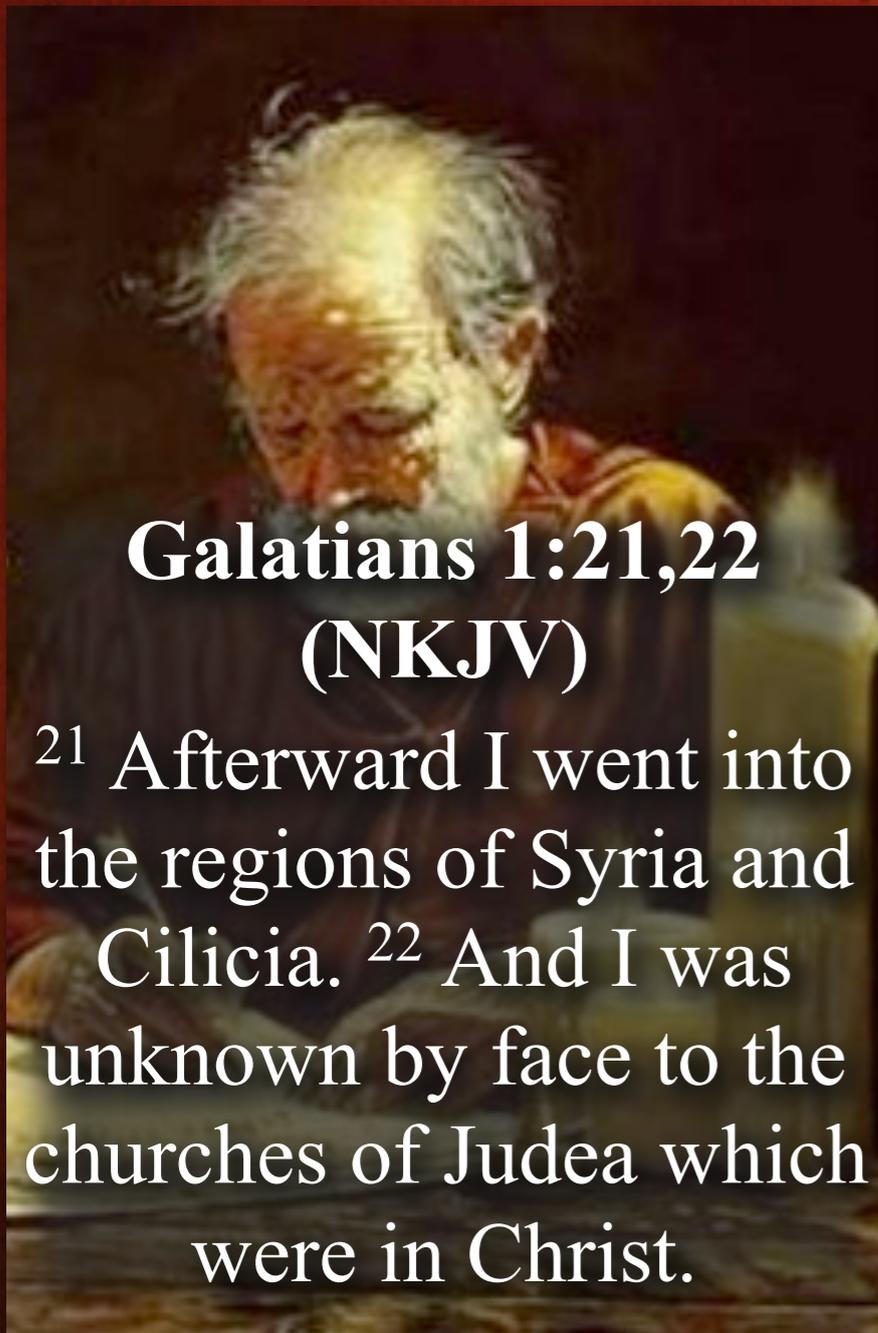


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- * Paul did not meet any of the other apostles - the only other person of importance he met with was James, the Lord’s brother - (Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18).
- * To stress the truth of what he had just said (no doubt in the face of a Judaizer’s charge that he had misrepresented his relationship to the apostles) Paul put himself on oath, calling God to be his witness that he was telling the truth.

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**Galatians 1:21,22
(NKJV)**

²¹ Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ.

● Evidence of Paul's Apostleship From His Stay In Syria & Cilicia – 1:21–24

- ✳ After his abbreviated visit in Jerusalem Paul worked for an extended time in Syria / Cilicia province (Tarsus), which is why he was personally unknown to the churches of Judea (cf. Acts 9:30; 11:25,26).
- ✳ He was not commissioned for this ministry by the apostles, and because of the distance between him and Jerusalem he could not have been under their authority or subject to their oversight.

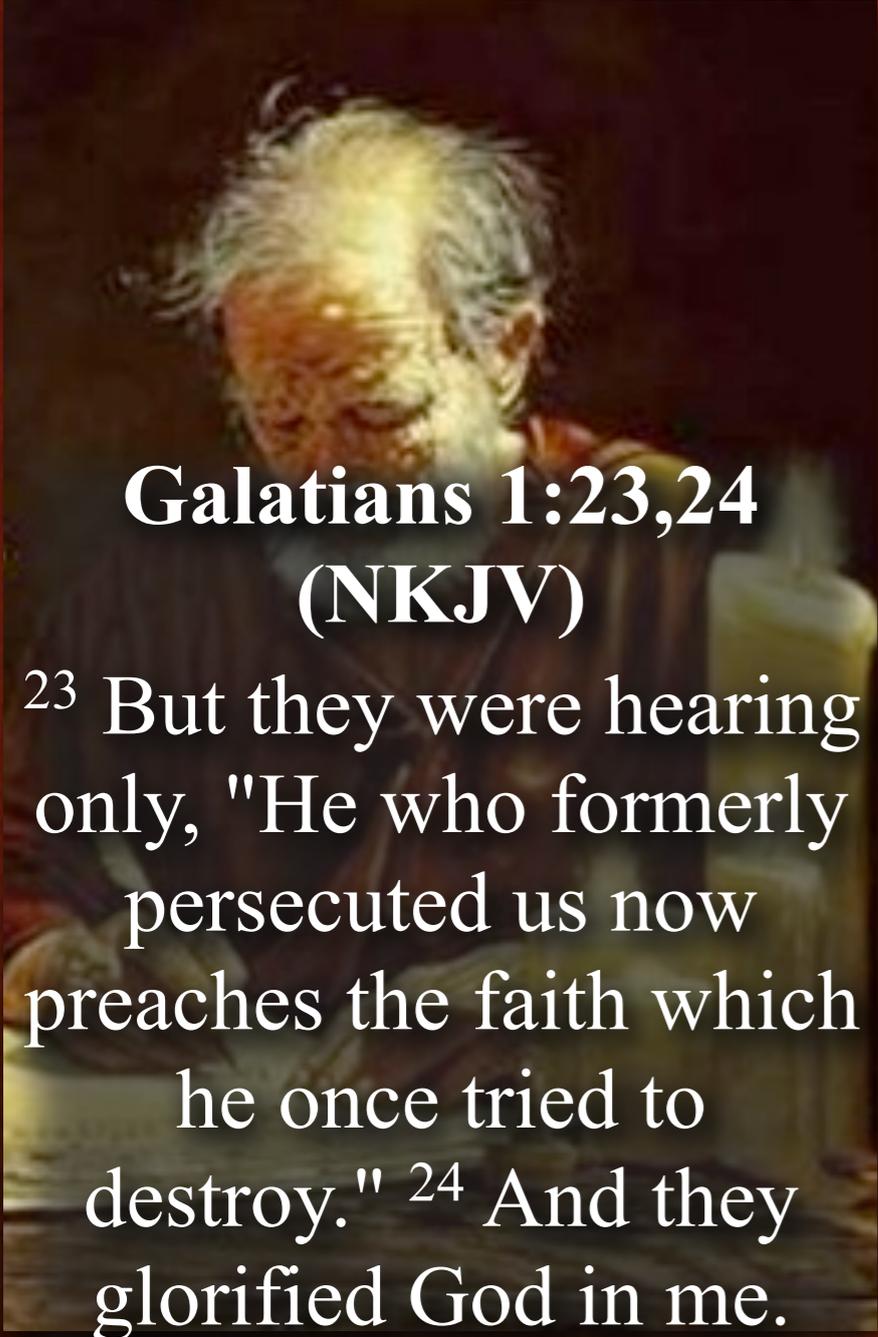
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- **Evidence of Paul's Apostleship From His Stay In Syria & Cilicia – 1:21–24**

- ✳ The only report they had recently heard was that this one who had once persecuted the church was now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy - *(Paul had been busy establishing congregations in Syria / Cilicia - Act 15:41)*

- ✳ And in the face of this report the Judean believers praised God because of Paul.

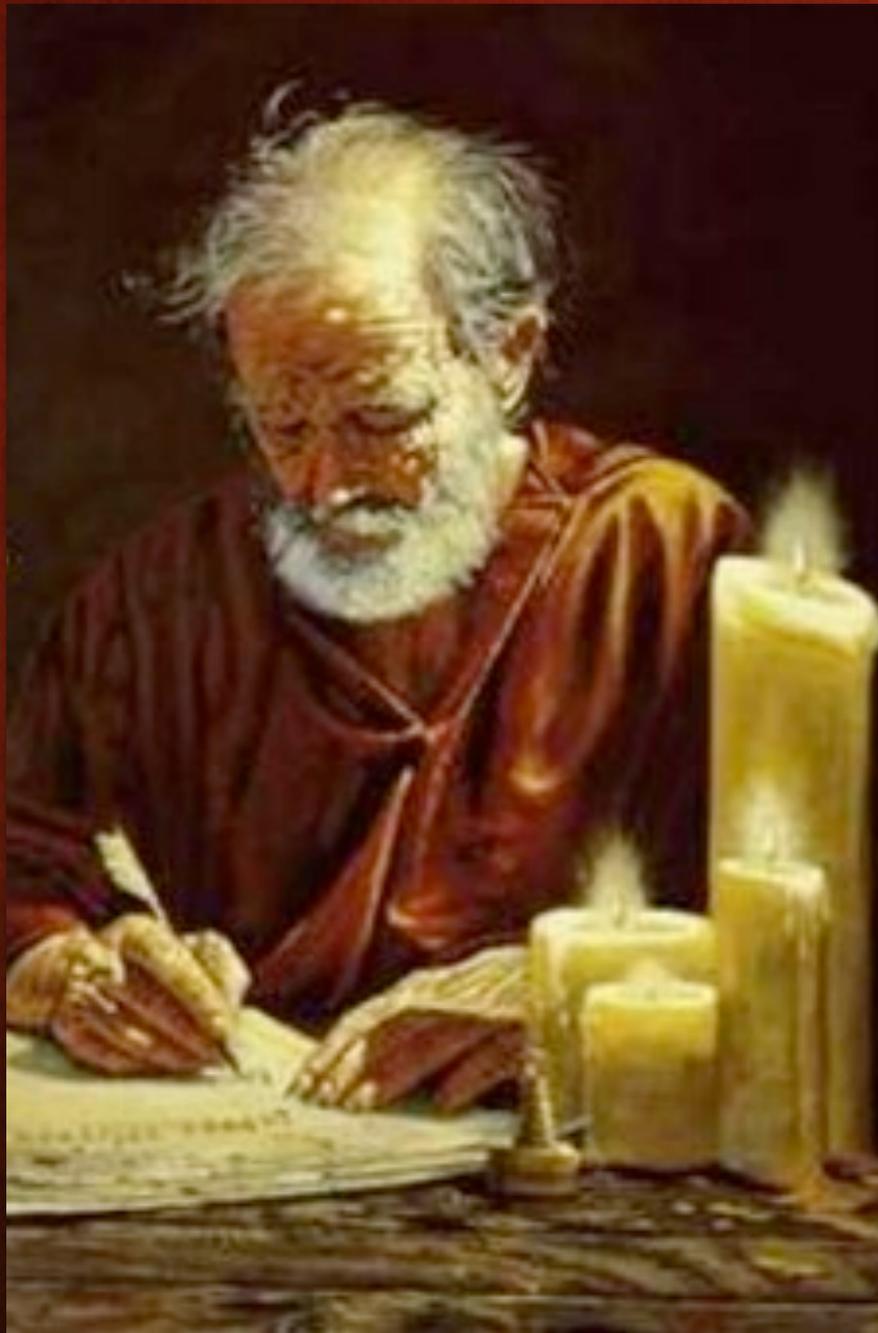
- ✳ This was a telling blow to the false teachers.



**Galatians 1:23,24
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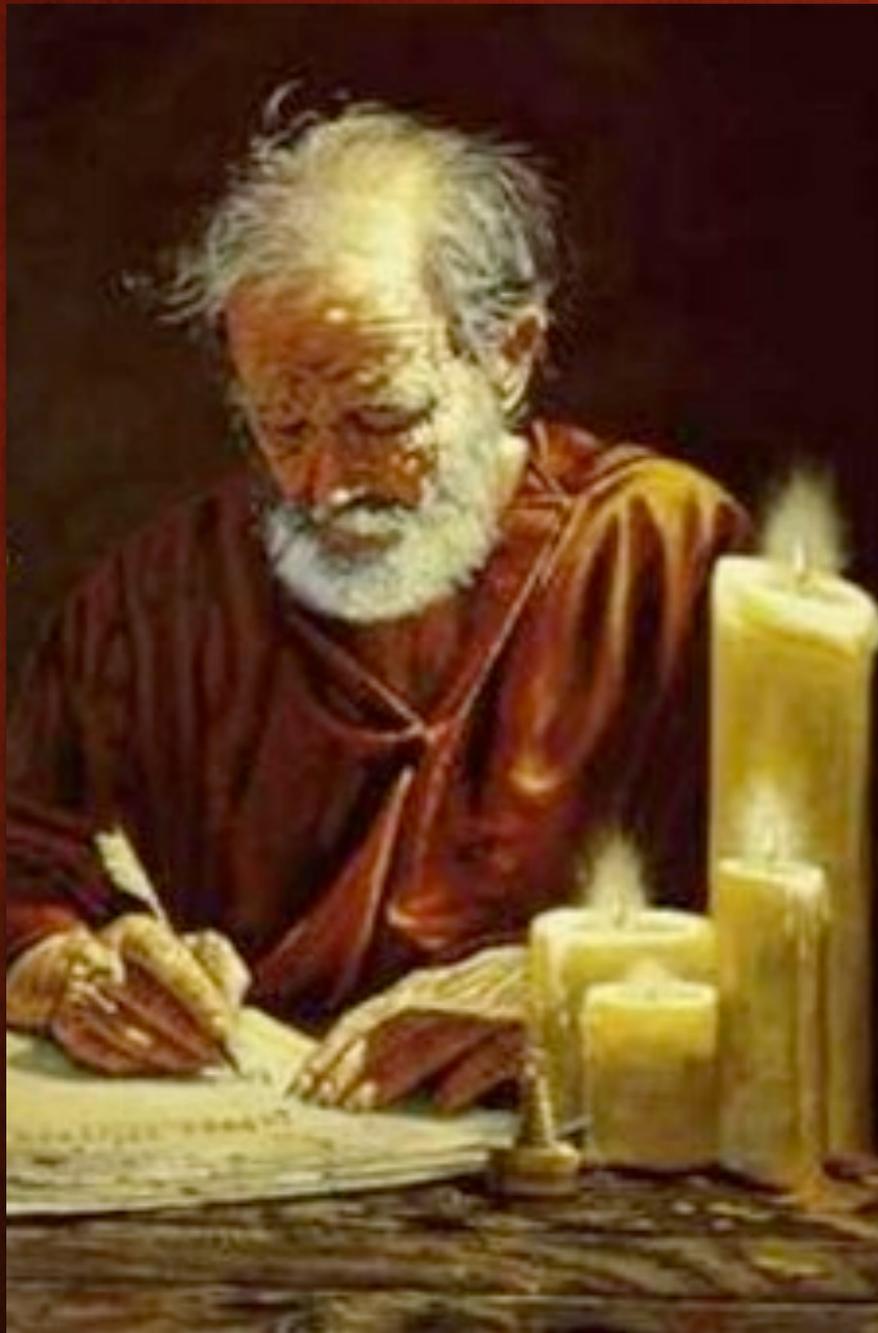
²³ But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they glorified God in me.

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- **The gospel Paul preached did not originate with any man – but came directly from Christ**
- **Paul uses his life before conversion as evidence of the genuine nature of his apostleship**
- **Paul’s apostleship is demonstrated from his associations immediately following his conversion –**
- **Paul’s work in Syria & Cilicia also proved his apostleship being independent of the other apostles.**

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- **We can be assured of the authenticity of Paul’s teaching –**
- **Paul, Peter, James & John all taught the same gospel – they all had the same teacher – (John 17:17; Eph 3:3–5)**
- **The gospel found in the New Testament must be received, believed and obeyed, for it is from God -**

Have You Obeyed The True Gospel? – 2 Thes 1:7–9

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Romans 1:16–17 (NKJV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

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Galatians 3:26–29 (NKJV)

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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