

Christian Challenge of Wichita Study Guide
Galatians 1:11-2:10
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“But God”

Read Acts 7:58-8:1 and Acts 9:1-22.

- What stands out to you about Paul’s (Saul’s) conversion story?
- What do you think we can learn from looking at *how* God got ahold of Paul’s life?
- What do you think we can learn from looking at *why* God got ahold of Paul’s life (Acts 9:15)?

Read Galatians 1:13-17.

- Paul is describing his “But God” moment. Do you have a “But God” moment? Note: Your “But God” moment doesn’t have to include a miraculous sign, a tremendous experience, or an unforgettable feeling. A “But God” moment is a moment in which you acknowledge Jesus for who He truly is, put your foot in the ground against sin, and turn to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Read Ephesians 1:3-14.

- Notice how Paul’s “But God” moment is largely about what *God* did, not what *Paul* did (Galatians 1:15-16). The same is true for our “But God” moment. What do you find to be astounding, comforting, or encouraging in how Paul describes God’s work to redeem His church in Ephesians 1? Note: Don’t get too caught up in the theological details of how this all works; focus on how it applies to your life.

Letting the Lion Out of the Cage

Read Galatians 1:11-12.

Galatians 1:11-12 is the thesis statement of Paul’s argument in Galatians 1:11-2:10. Paul’s main point is to prove to the Galatians that his authority and his message did not come from man, but from God – and that they were both recognized and received by the apostles in Jerusalem. Paul is urging the Galatians: *“Listen to me! Believe this Good News that God has given. Believe the Word of God!”*

We now have the true, authoritative Word of God sealed up in the canon of Scripture. The collection of God’s Word is now sealed and contained in the Bible. But the question is still wide open: *Will you put your trust in the true Word of God to be final authority of your life?*

- What are the things (internal or external) that most often cause you to question, doubt, or underemphasize the importance of the Bible?

- What would it look like for you to “Let the lion out of the cage” in your own personal and devotional life?
- What would it look like for you to “Let the lion out of the cage” with regard to evangelism?
- What belief, attitude, or action do you need to adjust this week in response to God’s Word?