

Saul's Life and Conversion

I. Religion and Tradition Versus Christ and the Revelation of Christ

Galatians 1:11-16

- 11 For I make known to you, brothers, *concerning* the gospel announced by me, that it is not according to man.
- 12 For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *I received it* through a revelation by Jesus Christ.
- 13 For you have heard of my manner of life formerly in Judaism, that I persecuted the church of God excessively and ravaged it.
- 14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in my race, being more abundantly a zealot for the traditions of my fathers.
- 15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,
- 16 To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

Philippians 1:19-21

- 19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- 20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.
- 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine *on them*.

2 Corinthians 3:16

But whenever *their heart* turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Matthew 17:5, 8

- 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight. Hear Him!
- 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

II. Converted from Everything to Christ Himself

Philippians 3:7-8

- 7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.
- 8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count *them* as refuse that I may gain Christ

A. From Law to Grace

Galatians 2:19-21a

- 19 For I through law have died to law that I might live to God.
- 20 I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved and gave Himself up for me.
- 21a I do not nullify the grace of God...

Romans 8:4

That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

B. From Individual to Corporate

Philippians 1:19

For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

C. From Knowledge to Life

Revelation 2:4

But I have *one thing* against you, that you have left your first love.

1 Timothy 1:3-4

3 Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things

4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

III. God's Desire for Us to be One with Christ, Filled with Christ and Occupied by Christ to Live Christ

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

Ephesians 3:17

That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith,