

Series: Free In Christ

Title: “The Greatest Witness of All”

Text: (Gal 1:13-24)

I. Paul the Apostle: (Vs 11-12)

II. Paul the Persecutor: (Vs 13-14)

- a. People will remember you when: **Acts 8:3, Phil 3:4-11,**

III. Paul the Proselyte: (Vs 15-16a)

- a. (vs 15a) God did IT!
- b. (Vs 15c) God did it by Grace!
- c. (Vs 16a) Good did it through Christ
 - i. The Call of Jesus Christ is “*To Reveal His Son in Us*”
 - ii. Christ Living In Us: Gal 2:20, Rom 8:29
- d. (Vs 16b) God did it for the sake of others!
 - i. You are the Only Bible Some will ever Read.
 - ii. You are an Ambassador for Christ: 2 Cor 5:20
 - iii. You represent to others what Christ and FBC are Like. *Illus:*
If you aren't going to do right, don't invite them to church.
The TV shows make us look bad enough.
- e. (Vs 24) Gods did it for His Glory, not Paul's!
 - i. Created for God's Glory: (Is 43:7)
 - ii. Saved to Glorify God: (1 Cor 6:19-20)

IV. Paul the Preacher: (Vs 16b-17ab)

- a. An Immediate Purpose: (Vs 16b)
- b. An Immediate Change: (Acts 9:1-9)
 - i. He didn't wait, He didn't ease into church, He got saved.
- c. He didn't act the same way: (Vs 17c-22)
 - i. He Preached in Damascus: (Acts 9:19)
 - ii. He Went into Arabia: (Vs 17ab) 3 years with Jesus.
 - iii. He returned to Damascus: (Vs 17c)(Acts 9:20-25)
 - iv. He went to Jerusalem: (Vs 18-20)(Acts 9:26-29)
 - v. He returned to Tarsus: (Vs 21-23)(Acts 9:30)

V. The Greatest Witness of all is a change in You! (Vs 23-24)

- a. We are not to judge others, but we are able to be fruit inspectors. (Matt 7:15-20)
- b. Where is the change you?

- c. Where is the Fruits? (Gal 5:22-23, Eph 5:8-12)
- d. He didn't have the same friends: (Acts 9:23-24, 29)
 - i. Men he knew, worked with, studied with, had meals with.
But his life convicted them. (Jn 3:19-20)
- e. They want to see proof.
 - i. They think this is a Fad,
 - ii. Or an excuse to get something. Titus 2:7, He 13:7

VI. The Greatest Form of Witness is Obedience to God's Word.

- a. (Deut 23:23)
- b. (Deut 6:3) *Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to DO IT;*
- c. (Deut 12:32) *What thing soever I command you, observe to DO IT:*
- d. Mom & Dad have heard you say you were sorry, but there has been no change.
- e. God is Not Interested you turning over a *new leaf, but a new you!*