



Sermon Outline
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Paul's
Transformation

Galatians 1:1-5

Paul's extreme makeover.

Galatians 1:23 - They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

Paul at his worst:

* **A** _____

Acts 26:9 - I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

* **A** _____

Acts 26:10 - And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord's people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

* **A** _____

Acts 26:11 - Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.

God's best version of Paul:

* _____ **the name of Jesus.**

Philippians 2:9-11 - Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

* **Put** _____ **to death instead of the competition.**

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

* **Greater concerned for** _____ **than himself.**

Romans 9:2-4a - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel.

A review of Paul's instructions to the Galatians on becoming God's best version of you:

1. **Choose grace over** _____.
2. **Accept and be who God made you to be.**
3. **Beware and be aware of** _____.
4. **Trust faith to make you righteous not your works.**
5. **Understand who's your** _____.
6. **Recognize and live out your freedom in Christ.**
7. **Let the Spirit be in** _____.
8. **Actively participate as part of the family of God.**

Are you becoming God's best version of you?

It is easier to become a Christian when I am not a Christian than to become a Christian when I am one. – Kierkegaard

* **No matter what you do, God still loves you, but when you truly understand God loves you no matter what you do, it begins to matter to** _____ **what you do.**

2 Corinthians 3:18 - And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

* **You can't become like Jesus without** _____.