

Message Notes

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FREE (A Study In Galatians)
Paul's Story of Freedom
Galatians 1:11-2:10
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Paul's Testimony

Three Observations

- ❶ There's tremendous _____ in sharing _____ faith stories. (Ac 22)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. **1 Peter 3:15**

- ◆ Most of us have a _____, an _____ & an _____.
- ❷ Our stories of _____ often open a _____ to tell _____ story!
- ◆ God's Story: Christ _____ us through _____ work, _____ ours!
- ❸ The purpose of *both* stories: set people _____ in God's _____.
- ◆ Being _____ by God depends _____ on God's _____.
- ◆ My name is _____ & by God's grace the _____ has set me _____.

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Writing Your Story

❶ Your "Before"

What type of person were you before you met Christ? On the lines below, write down four to six adjectives that come to mind. (If you came to faith at a young age, consider how you would describe what you were like prior to developing a thriving, more mature relationship with Christ.)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

From the adjectives above, what is the *one* word in particular that best summarizes your "before" state? Circle it. Then write 1-2 sentences below that describe your life "before" Christ:

Before inviting Christ into my life I _____

❷ Your Encounter with Christ

Now describe the circumstances that caused you to submit your life to Jesus Christ. What life-stage were you in? What input did you receive that finally triggered your desire to ask Christ into your life? What was the most significant thing about your making this decision?

❸ Your "After"

Now, completing the sentence below, note the *primary difference* that Christ has made in your life.

Since inviting Christ into my life, I've become _____

