

## **Galatians 1:18-24**

### **Are You Part of God's Plan?**

Galatians is probably the first New Testament letter that Paul wrote. He is writing to the churches in Galatia, which is now part of Turkey. Like all of Paul's letters, he is reminding his people to believe in the message of Jesus Christ.

He writes: Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles, only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you, before God, that what I am writing you is no lie. Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me.



Photo: Like the Apostle Paul, God has a plan for each of us.

### **Every Day with God**

How strange it must have been to see someone (i.e. Paul) preach to people he once tried to destroy. Because of this, he was praised by the people. He told people that the Jesus' love was available to all people, Jews and Gentiles.

After Paul's conversion on the road to Jericho, he did not return to Jerusalem for three years. When he did, he went to stay with Cephas or Peter. No doubt his conversations with Peter and James had much to do with what his missionary work. This was all part of God's plan.

God has a plan for us, too. It is not unlike his plan for Paul. How can we be part of God's plan? If we cannot be missionaries for Christ, we can be models for Christ. That is, our lives can be instruments for God to use to help others, to pray for others, and to read God's word.

**Prayer:** Help me, Lord, to be part of your plan.