

Galatians 2:15-21/ Colossians 2:6-17

Paul an apostle – not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead – (Gal 1:1 RSV)

But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to (in) me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. (Gal 1:15-17 RSV)

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man, I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. (2Cor 12:1-5 RSV)

I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles – assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:1-6 RSV)

1. Revelation of Jesus Christ: [Acts 9: 1-9; Acts 22:3-21; Acts 26:9-22.]
 - a. God can/may be known by humans only if he determines to be known.
 - i. In the manner he determines to be known
 - ii. To the degree he makes us able to be known
 - b. God comes to us in time (history) as a significant revealing – Revelation.
 - i. The Eternal is replicated in time.
 - ii. What he reveals is “God”.
 1. By his “Will” he determines.
 2. All creation – universe – Cosmos – is from his will.
 3. By his Will he determined to be Jesus of Nazareth.
 - c. Jesus is God revealing - The Word made flesh.
 - i. What he reveals in Jesus is his-self – God.
 - ii. This is the eternal being that calls all else into existence:
 1. He is life – He is Reality – He is truth.
 2. We must say: “Amen!!!”
 - d. We must not add to revelation – we must not “improve it”.
 - i. All else is an add-on, created by God’s allowance, but not of God.
 1. The King and Kingdom
 2. The Temple
 3. Teachings, rules, customs, experiences, emotions
 4. You are holy to the depth of your dwelling in him.