

For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free  
It Pleased God  
Galatians 1:11-16

For some things in life, sequence matters. We understand that before we take upper level courses, we must take prerequisites. Before the bank lends us money, we must be prequalified. Before we are supervisors, we must first be subordinates. The natural world seems to be ordered this way. Authentic spiritual transformation is ordered this way as well.

THE PICTURE OF AND PREREQUISITES FOR CONVERSION



In the gospel, we discover that trusting in Christ brings God's full and complete favor and approval. God's approval then liberates us to live in a way that pleases God. It pleases God to be pleased with us. The gospel is a powerful motivation to live in radical obedience. We do not live God's way in order to become His children, but out of gratitude that we already are God's children.