

Galatians 1:11-24
 “Not I, but Christ: Bearing Witness”
 (To the Truth of the Gospel)

The Strongest Apologetic for the Truth of the Gospel Is the Story of a Changed Life – Ga 1:11-24

... Every Christian story is the same; every Christian story is unique

The Gospel Story:

- The truth of the Gospel:
 - ... it is God-centered – Ga 1:12,15,16
 - ... it is Grace-empowered – Ga 1:6,12,15
 - ... the result is Liberty – Ga 5:1
- It takes an original experience with Christ Himself – Ga 1:11-12
 - ... all gospel truth must be revealed by God – Ga 1:12
 - ... God is His own convincer and teacher – Jo 16:8,13-15

Paul’s Story:

- What I was – Ga 1:13-14
 - ... “my former life” – Ga 1:13 (religious, traditions, laws...)
- What God did – Ga 1:15-16
 - ... He called me through His grace, not my works – Ga 1:15
 - ... He revealed His Son to/in me – Ga 1:16
- The difference in me – Ga 1:16-24; 1 Pet 2:9
 - ... it affected my calling/vocation – Ga 1:16
 - ... it affected my contentment/meaning – Ga 1:17; 22
 - ... it affected my freedom to glorify God – Ga 1:24

My Story: (firsthand, eyewitness experience) – II Cor 3:2-3; Acts 1:8; Lk 24:48

- What I was: (“my former life”) _____

- What God did: (“but when God...”) _____

- What Difference(s) He has made: (for and in and through me) _____
