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*Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. For I did not receive it or learn it from any human source; instead I received **it by a revelation of Jesus Christ**. For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I was savagely persecuting the church of God and trying to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my nation and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵ **But when the one who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace was pleased¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me** so that I could preach him among the Gentiles, I did not go to ask advice from any human being, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before me, but right away I departed to Arabia, and then returned to Damascus.*

(Gal 1:11-17 NET)

*For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a **revelation of Jesus Christ**. ¹³ For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; ¹⁴ and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. ¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased ¹⁶ **to reveal His Son in me** so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.* ((Gal 1:11-17 NASBU)

*For I must tell you, brethren, that the Good News which was proclaimed by me is not such as man approves of. For, in fact, it was not from man that I received or learnt it, but by **a revelation of Jesus Christ**. For you have heard of my early career in Judaism—how I furiously persecuted the Church of God and made havoc of it; and how in devotion to Judaism I outstripped many men of my own age among my people, being far more zealous than they on behalf of the traditions of my forefathers. But when He who set me apart even from my birth, and called me by His grace, saw fit **to reveal His Son within me** in order that I might tell among the Gentiles the Good News concerning Him, at once I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were my seniors in the Apostleship, but I went away into Arabia, and afterwards came back to Damascus.*

(Gal 1:11-17 Weymouth)

- I) God is! He is the loving God - the living One.
 - a. His living being is the source of all else - *Animated or non-living*.
 - b. He is source and has no source - God is absolute - The Eternal.
- II) This life is what came to us in Jesus of Nazareth
 - a. I John 5:26-32; I John 5:12-13.
 - b. II Cor. 2:6-7
- III) Paul says that his "Good News" was from a revealing of Jesus.
 - a. He did not get it from the other messengers.
 - b. The revelation was further to be that Jesus was to be seen "in" Paul - not just by Paul but through him.
- IV) The center of this was "Christ Crucified" - Jesus nailed to the cross.
- V) He told Peter - and now the Galatian believers - the cross is being poorly comprehended. Paul is crucified on Christ's cross.