

Paul's Early Years (Galatians 1:11—2:14)

35 A.D.	Damascus	¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (1:11-12)	<i>Received by revelation</i>
35-37	Arabia	¹⁵ But when he ... ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me ... I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. (1:15-17)	<i>Remained untampered with</i>
37	Jerusalem	¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. (1:18-19)	
37-47	Syria	²¹ Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. (1:21-22)	
47	Jerusalem	¹ Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem ... and set before them ... the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. (2:1-2) ³ But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. (2:3) ⁶ And from those who seemed to be influential ... added nothing to me. (2:6) ⁷ On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised ... ⁹ and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. (2:7, 9)	<i>Approved, unchanged by apostles</i>
47-48	Antioch	¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch ... ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. (2:11a, 12-13) I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned ... ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?" (2:11b, 14)	<i>Inconsistency in Peter, not Paul</i>
48-49	First Missionary Journey	in the church at Antioch ... after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them [Barnabas and Saul] and sent them off. (Acts 15:1-3)	<i>Paul, post-Galatians 1—2</i>
49	Letter to the Galatians	¹ Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ ... To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace... (Gal. 1:1-3a)	
49	Jerusalem Council	¹ But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ² And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. (Acts 15:1-2)	