

3. Who was the human author of this letter? Gal 1:1

*Gal 1:1 "Paul, an apostle--sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead--2 and all the brothers with me,"*

Paul = Saul of Tarsus

- a. first introduction: Acts 7:58, 8:1-3, 9:1-2.
- b. conversion: **Acts 9:3-9**
- c. transformation: Acts 9:6
  - submission "Lord"
  - obedience: "What do you want me to do?"

Interesting to note:

- (i) that the first thing he was asked to do was to WAIT! (Acts 9:6c)
- (ii) the 2nd thing that happened to him was that he was blinded (made helpless) Acts 9:8-9
- (iii) the 3<sup>rd</sup> thing we notice is that he fasted for 3 days in complete dependence upon God & earnestly seeking God's will. (Acts 9:9)

└ What a different entry he made into Damascus from what he expected ... Acts 9:8  
"they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus."

└ What a different man it was that was meekly led by hand:- gone was the self-confident young fanatic who had left Jerusalem with authority from Jewish leaders and fierce hate in his heart for Christians & their Master!

- d. God's calling and mission for him: Acts 9:10-16
- e. immediate obedience & service to Jesus Christ: Acts 9:18 - 22
- f. immediate opposition & persecution! Acts 9:23-25, 29
- g. initial suspicion by the believers at Jerusalem: Acts 9:26-29
- h. from Acts 11 onwards, we see him used of God in a mighty way as an apostle, missionary & preacher. It was on his first missionary journey, that Paul went to the region of Galatia & preached the gospel there, establishing new assemblies in a number of places.

In Gal 1:2 Paul includes: "and all the brethren who are with me." - not that they were all co-authors of the letter, but they supported Paul in what he wrote to the Galatians. Though Paul was the actual author, he was not alone in his concern for the churches in Galatia.