

Gal. 1:13-17

¹³. For you have heard about my lifestyle while in Judaism – that I persecuted the church of God to an extraordinary degree, and I tried to destroy it. ¹⁴. And I made progress in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in my race, by excessively being a zealot for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵. But when God – the One Who selected and appointed me from my mother’s womb, and Who called me through His grace – He determined ¹⁶. to reveal His Son in me, so that I may proclaim the good news about Him among the gentiles, I did not consult with flesh and blood. ¹⁷. Nor did I go up into Jerusalem toward those who were apostles before me. But I went up into Arabia, and I returned again into Damascus.