

Preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

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We came in our study in Paul letter to the Galatians to verse 23.

But they had heard only – As we already see there is different between the churches of Judaea and the churches to whom Paul wrote as part of the dispensation of Grace. Those in Judaea heard therefore that Paul was preaching the same faith which once he destroyed.

Did Paul in time past – which mean before he was saved in acts chapter 9, was persecuting the faith that Christ first revealed to him after he was saved? Of course not.!

3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. Galatians 3

COLOSSIANS 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [be] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

The faith that Paul was persecuting was the basic and the A B C of who Is Jesus Christ and the witness about His death on the cross and the resurrection. In order to understand this fact and not confuse it with the present faith under the dispensation of grace. We should go back in time to see what Peter told the people of Israel about the Lord Jesus Christ

Peter and Jesus of Nazareth

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Acts 2:22

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses Acts 3.

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:10

Stephen about the Lord Jesus Christ

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Acts 7

Paul preached Christ

Dear reader if you want to know which faith Paul was persecuting before he was saved just read for yourself few times acts chapter 1-9 and let the chapters do the talking.

what was the faith in regarding to what he was first persecuting that now Paul was preaching when he wrote his first letter to the churches of the dispensation of grace ?.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. Acts 9

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. 23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus: 24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose.26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulchre.

30 But God raised him from the dead:31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. Acts 13:22-31

Now we can understand that “preacheth the faith which once he destroyed” means that before and after Paul was saved we are talking about Christ is God and he died on the cross and rose from the death.

“preacheth the faith which once he destroyed” - does not say that before and after Paul was saved we have the same dispensation of grace or the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery!

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Are you as a member of the church which is His body able to glorify when you hear someone preaching the gospel of our salvation? I hope you do !