

## But God was pleased...

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## NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion\*



- What details does Paul include in his testimony of his life before and after he encountered Christ? What details does he omit? How does Paul's story in verses 13 through 24 keep the focus on God's initiative?
- What is your story about your "earlier life" (verse 13)? How have you seen God's grace at work in who you are becoming?
- Reread verse 15, where Paul asserts that God "had set me apart before I was born." Do you believe that God has set you apart? What does that mean?
- Paul declares in verse 10, "If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ." Are you often tempted to use other people's opinion of you as a measuring stick of your worth? When are you most prone to give into people pleasing? How does being Christ's servant offer us freedom from seek approval and validation from others?
- Why does Paul emphasize that his message and authority didn't come from humans? Do you think a Christian can be too dependent on others in their quest for spiritual understanding? What would be the evidence and problems of that condition? On the other hand, what are the dangers of being completely independent of others for one's beliefs? How can we strike a balance between these two poles?
- Meditate on the difference knowing Christ has made in your life. Spend time giving thanks to God.

\*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.