

For Ye Have Heard of My Conversation in Time Past in the Jews' Religion

by Martin Luther

Paul shares his past zeal for the Law and how he came to realize its worthlessness.

Scripture: Romans 3:20, Galatians 1:13, Galatians 1:23, Ephesians 2:8

Topics: "Gods Grace", "Spiritual Transformation"

Description

Martin Luther emphasizes the transformation that comes from encountering Christ, using Paul's personal testimony as an example. Paul, once a zealous defender of the Pharisaic traditions, shares how he abandoned his former ways after realizing the insufficiency of righteousness through the Law. Luther highlights the radical change in Paul's life, from persecuting the church to becoming a fervent follower of Christ, illustrating the power of God's grace to transform even the most hardened hearts. The sermon underscores the importance of recognizing our own inadequacy in achieving righteousness and the necessity of relying on God's grace for true transformation and salvation.

Transcript

This passage does not contain doctrine. Paul adduces his own case for an example. "I have," he says, "at one time defended the traditions of the Pharisees more fiercely than any of your false apostles. Now, if the righteousness of the Law had been worth anything I would never have forsaken it. So carefully did I live up to the Law that I excelled many of my companions. So zealous was I in defense of the Law that I wasted the church of God."

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