

# PAUL - THE CHIEF APOSTLE TO THE CHURCH

## 1. HIS CALLING

Acts 9:15 - "---he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My Name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the Children of Israel"

## 2. HIS ORDINATION

Galatians 1:1 - "Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead)"

## 3. HIS APOSTLESHIP

Romans 1:1-5 - "---called an *apostle*---By whom (Jesus) we have received grace and apostleship"

Acts 9:15 - "---he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear My Name before the Gentiles, and Kings, and the children of Israel"

Romans 11:13 - "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the *apostle* of the Gentiles"

I Timothy 2:7 - "Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an *apostle*"

II Timothy 1:11 - "Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an *apostle*, and a teacher of the Gentiles"

*Apostle* - G652:*apostolos* - one sent forth with a commission from Christ.

## 4. HIS SEAL OF APOSTLESHIP

I Corinthians 9:2 - "---for the *seal* of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord"

*Seal* - G4973:*sphragis* - a stamp impressed (as a mark of genuineness)

## 5. HIS POSITION AS CHIEF APOSTLE

II Cor. 11:5 - "I was not a *whit* behind the very chiefest apostles."

Galatians 2:8 - "For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, same was mightily in me toward the Gentiles."

*Whit* - G3367:*meden* - not even one man

## 6. HIS GOSPEL

Romans 2:16 - "---according to my Gospel"

Romans 16:25 - "---according to my Gospel"

II Timothy 2:8 - "---according to my Gospel"

## 7. HIS MESSAGE

Ephesians 2:8,9 - "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"

Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus---"

Colossians 1:27 - "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"

Ephesians 2:6 - God "---hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

Ephesians 1:3 - God "---hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"

## 8. HIS REVELATION

Galatians 1:11,12 - "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ"

Galatians 1:15,16 - "---it pleased God---to reveal his Son in me"

**9. HIS, THE ONLY GOSPEL**

Galatians 1:8,9 - "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed"

**10. HIS STEWARDSHIP OF THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE**

Ephesians 3:2 - "If ye have heard of the *dispensation* of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward"

I Timothy 1:11 - "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

I Corinthians 9:16,17 - "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a *dispensation* of the gospel is committed unto me."

*Dispensation* - G3622:*oikonomia* - the administration (or stewardship) of a household; specially a religious economy.

**11. HIS JOB DESCRIPTION**

I Corinthians 3:10 - "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise *master-builder*, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon"

*Masterbuilder* - G753:*architekton* - a chief constructor, i.e. architect.

**12. HIS EPISTLES COMPLETED THE WORD OF GOD**

Colossians 1:25 - "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me to you, to *fulfill* the Word of God"

*Fulfill* - G4137:*pleroo* - to make replete, i.e. to cram, level up, to furnish, satisfy, to execute, to finish, to complete.

**13. HIS FOLLOWERS**

I Corinthians 4:16 - "Wherefore I beseech you, be ye *followers* (1) of me"

I Corinthians 11:1 - "Be ye *followers* (1) of me, even as I also am of Christ"

Philippians 3:17 - "Brethren, be *followers* (2) together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample"

*Followers* (1) - G3402:*mimetes* - an imitator.

*Followers* (2) - G4831:*summimetes* - a co-imitator, i.e. fellow votary.

**14. HIS GOSPEL - A STABILIZING MESSAGE**

Romans 16:25 - "Now to him that is of power to *stablish* you according to my gospel"

Romans 8:1 - "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus"

*Stablish* - G4741:*sterizo* - to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction.

**15. HIS GOSPEL - A BASIS FOR JUDGMENT**

Romans 2:16 - "In the day when God shall *judge* the *secrets* of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel"

*judge* - G2919:*krino* - to distinguish, i.e. decide; to try, condemn, punish.

*Secrets* - G2927:*kruptos* - concealed, i.e. private.