

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

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Session Eight

Topics 3.1.0 – 3.1.1.3

What the study tonight is about:

- **Calling to Ministry (3.1.0)**
- **Background Understanding (3.1.1 – 3.1.1.3)**



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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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- ♦ **Unit I: Paul the Person**
 - ♦ **Chapter 1: Personal Background**
 - ♦ **Chapter 2: Conversion**
 - ♦ **Chapter 3: Calling from God**
 - ♦ **3.1.0 Calling to Ministry**
 - ♦ **3.1.1 Background History**
 - ♦ **3.1.1.1 Organizational Structure**
 - ♦ **3.1.1.2 Leadership Labels**
 - ♦ **3.1.1.3 Vocabulary of Calling**



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- **Session Eight:**

- Taken from Chapter Three of the book
- Emphasis on Paul's calling to ministry
- What is a ministry calling?
- How does that work in the church?

- **Learning Goals:**

- 1. Learning about his calling from scripture
- 2. Understanding how this information has been interpreted



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- **3.1.0: Calling to Ministry**
 - **Terms: Job / Trade / Career / Vocation / Calling**
 - **Paul's terms**
 - **Apostle: ἀποστόλος**
 - **Servant: δοῦλος**
 - **Minister: διάκονος**
 - **Teacher: διδάσκαλος**
 - **Preacher: κήρυξ**
 - **Local / Regional / Global**
 - **Functional / not Positional**



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- **3.1.1: Background History**
- **3.1.1.1: Organizational Structure of churches**
 - **2nd - 4th Centuries**
 - **5th - 16th Centuries**
 - **Roman Catholic**
 - **Eastern Orthodox**
 - **Protestantism**
 - **Reformers**
 - **Radical Reformers**



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- **3.1.1.2: Leadership Labels**

- Leadership at local, regional, global levels
- Local Level: mutual contribution of all: giftedness
- Terms in flux during first century

- **30s & 40s: Acknowledged leadership: οἱ ἀπόστολοι**

- **50s – 90s:**

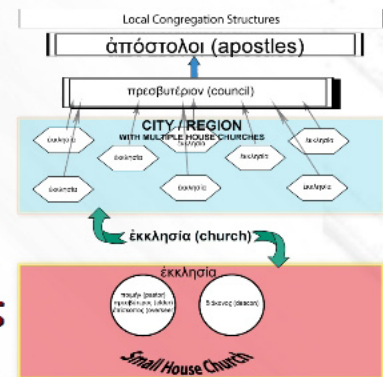
- **Global**

- **Local**

- **City / Region: πρεσβυτέριον**

- **House Church**

- ποιμήν, πρεσβύτερος, ἐπίσκοπος
- διάκονος



Notes:

1. The term ἐκκλησία (church) is used in the New Testament to refer to the local congregation of believers in a particular city or region.
2. The term πρεσβυτέριον (council) is used in the New Testament to refer to the governing body of the church, consisting of elders or presbyters.
3. The term ἀπόστολοι (apostles) is used in the New Testament to refer to the messengers of the gospel, who were commissioned by Jesus to preach the message of the kingdom of God to all people.
4. The term ποιμήν (pastor) is used in the New Testament to refer to the shepherd of the church, who is responsible for the spiritual well-being of the flock.
5. The term πρεσβύτερος (elder) is used in the New Testament to refer to one of the members of the governing body of the church.
6. The term ἐπίσκοπος (bishop) is used in the New Testament to refer to the overseer of the church, who is responsible for the overall health and growth of the congregation.
7. The term διάκονος (deacon) is used in the New Testament to refer to one of the servants of the church, who is responsible for the practical needs of the congregation.

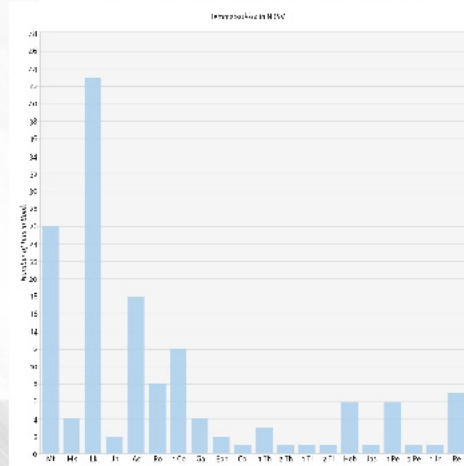
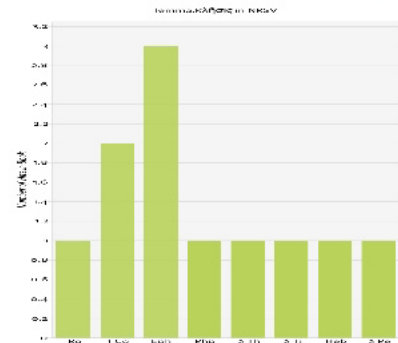


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- **3.1.1.3 Vocabulary of Calling**

- **Roots: κλήσις, καλέω**
- **Other terms:**
 - ἀφορίζω
 - τίθημι
- **Summary: calling fluid**



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- **Conclusions**
 - **Ministry calling is for all believers, not just leaders**
 - **Ministry labels stress function, not position**
 - **Ministry roles can change over time**
 - **Leadership roles in NT Christianity were fluid, not static**
 - **Ministry duties depend on needs**



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- **NEXT WEEK:**
 - **Topic 3.2.0 with sub topics in chapter three**
 - **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
 - **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - **3.2.0.2 Luke's Depiction**



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Thank You for Coming!
Gracias por venir esta noche!
Until Next Week!
Hasta la próxima semana!
Have a safe trip home!
Tener un viaje seguro a casa!



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