

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

WELCOME

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Session Nine

Topics 3.2.0 – 3.2.02

What the study tonight is about:

- **Finish Calling to Ministry (3.1.0)**
- **Paul's Calling (3.2.0 – 3.2.0.3)**

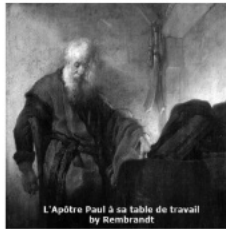


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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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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**
 - ♦ **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
 - ♦ **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - ♦ **3.2.02 Luke's Depiction**



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- **Session Nine:**
 - Taken from Chapter Three of the book
 - Emphasis on Paul's calling to ministry
 - What is a ministry calling?
 - How did Paul understand his ministry calling?
- **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:

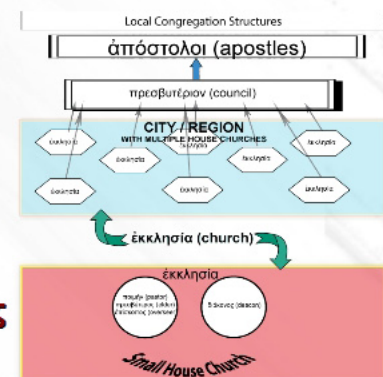
– Global

– Local

• City / Region: πρεσβυτέριον

• House Church

- ποιμήν, πρεσβύτερος, ἐπίσκοπος
- διάκονος



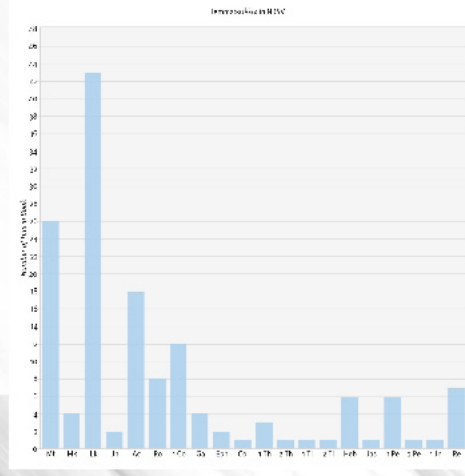
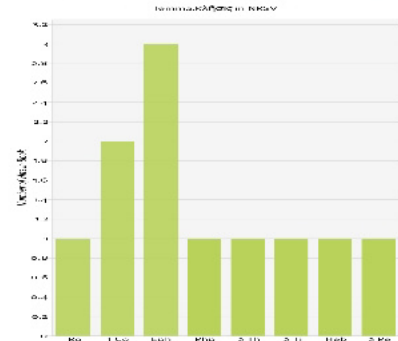
NOTES:
 1. The term ἐκκλησία (ekklesia) is used in the New Testament to refer to the church as a whole, to a local congregation, and to a group of people gathered for worship.
 2. The term πρεσβυτέριον (presbyterion) is used to refer to the council of elders in a local congregation.
 3. The term ἀπόστολοι (apostoloi) is used to refer to the apostles, who were the original leaders of the church.
 4. The term ποιμήν (poimēn) is used to refer to the pastor or shepherd of a local congregation.
 5. The term διάκονος (diakonos) is used to refer to the deacon, who served the church in various ways.

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- **3.1.1.3 Vocabulary of Calling**

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



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- **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - **Galatians 1:15-17**
 - **Romans 1:1 / First Corinthians 1:1**
 - **First Corinthians 9:1-2 (2 Cor. 10-11; Gal. 1-2)**
 - **First Timothy 1:12-17**
 - **Second Timothy 1:8-14**
 - **Summary of Insights**



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- **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - **Galatians 1:15-17**

15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son to me, **so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles**, I did not confer with any human being, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

15 ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ 16 ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοὶ **ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν**, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι, 17 οὐδὲ ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπῆλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν.



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- **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - **Romans 1:1 / First Corinthians 1:1**

Romans 1:1

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, **called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,**

1.1 Παῦλος δοῦλος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, κλητὸς ἀπόστολος, ἀφωρισμένος εἰς εὐαγγέλιον θεοῦ

1 Corinthians 1:1

1 Paul, **called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,** and our brother Sosthenes

1.1 Παῦλος κλητὸς ἀπόστολος Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ διὰ θελήματος θεοῦ καὶ Σωσθένης ὁ ἀδελφός



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- **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - **First Corinthians 9:1-2 (2 Cor. 10-11; Gal. 1-2)**

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord

9.1 Οὐκ εἰμὶ ἐλεύθερος; οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος; οὐχὶ Ἰησοῦν τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν ἑώρακα; οὐ τὸ ἔργον μου ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ; 2 εἰ ἄλλοις οὐκ εἰμὶ ἀπόστολος, ἀλλὰ γε ὑμῖν εἰμι, ἡ γὰρ σφραγὶς ἡμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ.



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- **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - **First Timothy 1:12-17**

12 I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. 16 But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

12 Ἐχάρην ἔχω τῷ ἐνδυναμώσαντί με Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν, ὅτι πιστόν με ἡγήσατο θέμενος εἰς διακονίαν, 13 τὸ πρότερον ὄντα βλάσφημον καὶ διώκτην καὶ ὑβριστήν· ἀλλὰ ἡλεήθην, ὅτι ἀγνοῶν ἐποίησα ἐν ἀπιστίᾳ, 14 ὑπερεπλεόνασεν δὲ ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν μετὰ πίστεως καὶ ἀγάπης τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. 15 πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος, ὅτι Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ἦλθεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἁμαρτωλοὺς σῶσαι· ὧν πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ, 16 ἀλλὰ διὰ τοῦτο ἡλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ πρῶτῳ ἐνδείξηται ὁ Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς τὴν ἁπασαν μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν τῶν μελλόντων πιστεῦειν ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. 17 τῷ δὲ βασιλεῖ τῶν αἰώνων, ἀφθάρτῳ, ἀοράτῳ, ὁμῶς θεῷ, τιμὴ καὶ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων· ἀμήν.



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- **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
 - **Second Timothy 1:8-14**

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but *join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.* This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,** 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

8 Μὴ οὖν ἐπαισχυνηθῇς τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν μηδὲ ἐμὲ τὸν δέσμιον αὐτοῦ, ἀλλὰ συγκακοπάθησον τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ κατὰ δύναμιν θεοῦ, 9 τοῦ σώσαντος ἡμᾶς καὶ καλέσαντος κλήσει ἁγία, οὐ κατὰ τὰ ἔργα ἡμῶν ἀλλὰ κατὰ ἰδίαν πρόθεσιν καὶ χάριν, τὴν δοθείσαν ἡμῖν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ πρὸ χρόνων αἰωνίων, 10 φανερωθεῖσαν δὲ νῦν διὰ τῆς ἐπιφανείας τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καταργήσαντος μὲν τὸν θάνατον φωτίσαντος δὲ ζωὴν καὶ ἀφθαρσίαν διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, **11 εἰς ὃ ἐτέθην ἐγὼ κήρυξ καὶ ἀπόστολος καὶ διδάσκαλος.** 12 δι' ἣν αἰτίαν καὶ ταῦτα πάσχω, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐπαισχύνομαι, οἶδα γὰρ ὃ πεπίστευκα, καὶ πέπεισμαι ὅτι δυνατός ἐστιν τὴν παραθήκην μου φυλάξαι εἰς ἐκείνην τὴν ἡμέραν. 13 ὑποτύπωσιν ἔχε ὑγιαίνοντων λόγων ὧν παρ' ἐμοῦ ἤκουσας ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀγάπῃ τῇ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· 14 τὴν καλὴν παραθήκην φύλαξον διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου τοῦ ἐνοικοῦντος ἐν ἡμῖν.



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- **3.2.0 Paul's Calling**
- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception:**
- **Summary of Insights**
 - **1) Conversion and ministry calling came as a single package to Paul.**
 - **2) The language of ministry calling stresses divine appointment, not volunteerism.**
 - **3) Ministry calling must come from God, whether or not it finds affirmation from others.**
 - **4) Ministry is functional rather than positional.**
 - **5) Ministry is often bundled with sacrificial suffering.**
 - **6) Ministry is centered on spreading the Gospel.**



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- **NEXT WEEK:**
- **Topics 3.2.0 & 3.3.0 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**
- **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
 - **3.3.0.1 Divine Calling**
 - **3.3.0.2 Ministry Directions**



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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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