

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

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Session Ten

Topics 3.2.0.2

What the study tonight is about:

- **Paul's Calling (3.2.0.2)**

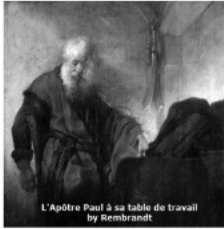


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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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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**
 - ♦ **3.2.0.2 Luke's Depiction**
 - ♦ **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
 - ♦ **3.3.0.1 Divine Calling**
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- **Session Ten:**

- 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?
- What did Paul teach about ministry calling?

- **Learning Goals:**

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



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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:**
- **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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- **3.2.0.1 His Self-Perception**
- **3.2.0.2 Luke's Depiction**
 - **Acts 20:17-38**
 - **Narrative Introduction, 20:13-18a**
 - **20:13-16, trip from Troas to Miletus**
 - **20:17-18a, Ephesian leadership arrives**
 - **Paul's Speech to them, 20:18b-35**
 - **Narrative Conclusion, 20:36-38**



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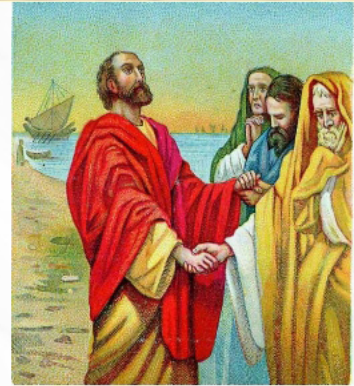
- 13 We went ahead to the ship and set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul on board there; for he had made this arrangement, intending to go by land himself. 14 When he met us in Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. 15 We sailed from there, and on the following day we arrived opposite Chios. The next day we touched at Samos, and the day after that we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.



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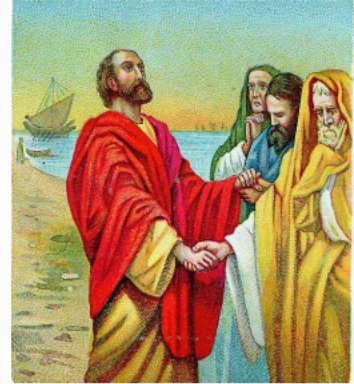
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- **20:17-18a, Ephesian leadership arrives**
- 17 From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. 18 When they came to him, he said to them:
- 17 Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. 18 ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτὸν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς·



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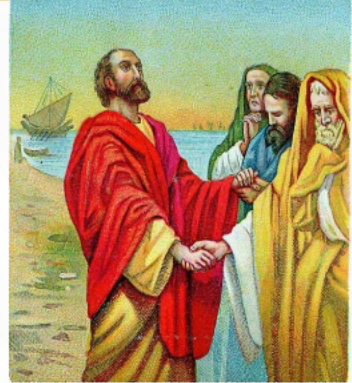
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- **Paul's Speech to them, 20:18b-35**
 - **Past Ministry at Ephesus, 20:18-21**
 - **Future Plans, 20:22-24**
 - **Integrity in Ministry at Ephesus, 20:25-35**



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- **Acts 20:17-38**
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- “You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. 20 I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus.



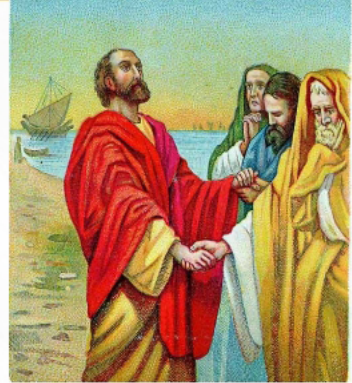
Ἔμεϊς ἐπίστασθε ἀπὸ πρώτης ἡμέρας ἀφ' ἧς ἐπέβην εἰς τὴν Ἀσίαν πῶς μεθ' ὑμῶν τὸν πάντα χρόνον ἐγενόμην, 19 δουλεύων τῷ κυρίῳ μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης ἔκαι δακρύων καὶ πειρασμῶν τῶν συμβάντων μοι ἐν ταῖς ἐπιβουλαῖς τῶν Ἰουδαίων· 20 ὡς οὐδὲν ὑπεστειλάμην τῶν συμφερόντων τοῦ μὴ ἀναγγεῖλαι ὑμῖν καὶ διδάξαι ὑμᾶς δημοσίᾳ καὶ κατ' οἴκου, 21 διαμαρτυρόμενος Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἑλλήσιν τὴν ἑἰς θεὸν μετάνοιαν καὶ ἑπίστιν εἰς τὸν κύριον ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν.



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- 22 And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. 24 But I do not count my life of any value to myself, **if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace.**

22 καὶ νῦν ἰδοὺ (δεδεμένος ἐγὼ) τῷ πνεύματι πορεύομαι εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ συναντήσοντά μοι μὴ εἰδώς, 23 πλὴν ὅτι τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον κατὰ πόλιν διαμαρτύρεται μοι λέγον ὅτι δεσμά (καὶ θλίψεις με) μένουσιν· 24 ἀλλ' οὐδενὸς λόγου ποιῶμαι τὴν ψυχὴν τιμίαν ἑμαυτῷ ὡς **τελειῶσαι τὸν δρόμον μου καὶ τὴν διακονίαν ἣν ἔλαβον παρὰ τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, διαμαρτύρασθαι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς χάριτος τοῦ θεοῦ.**

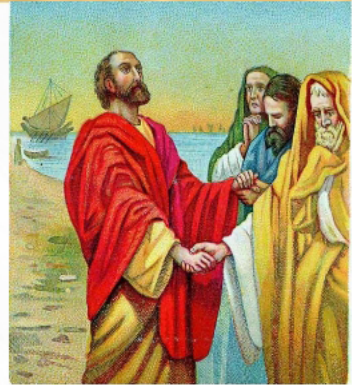


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- **Paul's Speech to them, 20:18b-35**
- **Integrity in Ministry at Ephesus, 20:25-35**

- 25 And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. 26 Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. 29 I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. 34 You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. 35 In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'



25 Καὶ νῦν ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ οἶδα ὅτι οὐκέτι ὄψεσθε τὸ πρόσωπόν μου ὑμεῖς πάντες ἐν οἷς διήλθον κηρύσσων τὴν βασιλείαν. 26 Ὅτιοι μαρτύρομαι ὑμῖν ἐν τῇ σήμερον ἡμέρᾳ ὅτι καθαρὸς εἶμι ἀπὸ τοῦ αἵματος πάντων, 27 οὐ γὰρ ὑπεσειλάμην τοῦ μὴ ἀναγγεῖλαι ἅσασαν τὴν βουλήν τοῦ θεοῦ ὑμῖν. 28 Ἐπιτρέχετε ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ, ἐν ᾧ ὑμεῖς τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, ἣν περιεποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ ἰδίου. 29 ἐγὼ οἶδα ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἀφίξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου, 30 καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω ἑαυτῶν. 31 διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νοουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. 32 καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, τῷ δυναμένῳ οἰκοδομῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι τὴν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἁγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. 33 ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα. 34 αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρείαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὐσι μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπηρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταί. 35 πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπεν Μακάριόν ἐστιν μάλλον δίδοναι ἢ λαμβάνειν.



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- **Acts 20:17-38**
- **Narrative Conclusion, 20:36-38**
- 36 When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. 37 There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.



36 Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν θείσ τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο. 37 ἰκανὸς δὲ ἔκλαυθμὸς ἐγένετο ἅπαντων, καὶ ἐπιπεσόντες ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον τοῦ Παύλου κατεφίλουν αὐτόν, 38 ὀδυνώμενοι μάλιστα ἐπὶ τῷ λόγῳ ὃ εἶρήκει ὅτι οὐκέτι μέλλουσιν τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ θεωρεῖν. προέπεμπον δὲ αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον.



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- **NEXT WEEK:**
- **Topics 3.3.0 with sub topics in chapter three**
- **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
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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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