

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

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Lorin Cranford **Session Eleven**

Topics 3.3.0 – 3.3.0.2

What the study tonight is about:

- **Paul's Theology of Ministry (3.3.0)**

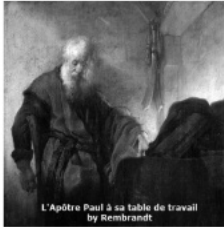


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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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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**
 - ♦ **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
 - ♦ **3.3.0.1 Divine Calling**
 - ♦ **3.3.0.2 Ministry Directions**

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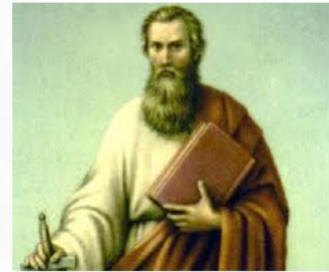
- **Session Eleven:**
 - Taken from Chapter Three of the book
 - Emphasis on Paul's calling to ministry
 - What is a ministry calling?
 - How did Paul understand his ministry calling?
 - What did Paul teach about ministry calling?
- **Learning Goals:**
 - 1. Learning about his calling from scripture
 - 2. Understanding how this information has been interpreted



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- **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
 - **Definitions of ministry**
 - **English word**
 - **διακονία, διακονέω, λειτουργία**
 - **Ministry: obligation for all Christians**
 - **How exemplary is Paul for Christian ministry today?**
 - **His view of this:**
 - **Phil. 3:17 & 2 Thess 3:9, τύπος**
 - **1 Tim. 1:16, ὑποτύπωσις**
 - **Acts 20:35, ὑποδείκνυμι**
 - **1 Cor. 11:1, 2 Thess. 3:7-9, μιμηταί μου**



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- **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
- **Paul's ministry calling as normative.**
 - **Unique aspects, that are not normative**
 - **Calling to be an ἀποστόλος**
 - **Conversion and calling in one experience**
 - **The rest is normative & insights can be found in:**
 - **Awareness of his own calling**
 - **Admonitions to others**
 - **General principles in letters and speeches**



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- **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
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 - **Vocabulary**
 - **God's will: θέλημα, βούλημα (τοῦ θεοῦ)**
 - Eph. 1:11
 - **God's purpose: ἡ πρόθεσις τοῦ θεοῦ**
 - Rom. 8:28, 9:11; Eph. 1:11, 3:11; 2 Tim. 1:9
 - **God's calling: καλέω, κλήτος**
 - Rom. 1:1, 2 Tim. 1:9



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- **3.3.0.1 Divine Calling: Eph. 3:7-12**

τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, 7 οὗ ἔγενήθην **διάκονος** κατὰ τὴν δωρεὰν τῆς χάριτος τοῦ θεοῦ (τῆς δοθείσης) μοι κατὰ τὴν ἐνέργειαν τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ— 8 ἐμοὶ τῷ ἐλαχιστοτέρῳ πάντων ἁγίων ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις αὕτη— **τοῖς ἔθνεσιν εὐαγγελίσασθαι τὸ ἀνεξίχνιαστον πλοῦτος** τοῦ Χριστοῦ, 9 καὶ φωτίσαι **πάντας** τίς ἡ οἰκονομία τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ ἀποκεκρυμμένου ἀπὸ τῶν αἰώνων ἐν τῷ θεῷ τῷ τὰ πάντα **κτίσαντι**, 10 ἵνα γνωρισθῇ νῦν ταῖς ἀρχαῖς καὶ ταῖς ἐξουσίαις ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις διὰ τῆς ἐκκλησίας ἡ πολυποίκιλος σοφία τοῦ θεοῦ, 11 **κατὰ πρόθεσιν τῶν αἰώνων ἣν ἐποίησεν ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν**, 12 ἐν ᾧ ἔχομεν τὴν παρρησίαν καὶ προσαγωγὴν ἐν πεποιθήσει διὰ τῆς πίστεως αὐτοῦ.

7 Of this gospel I have become a **servant** according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8 Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me **to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ**, 9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was **in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord**, 12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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- **3.3.0.1 Divine Calling: Eph. 1:11-12**

11 ἐν ᾧ καὶ ἐκληρώθημεν
προορισθέντες κατὰ πρόθεσιν
τοῦ τὰ πάντα ἐνεργοῦντος
κατὰ τὴν βουλήν τοῦ
θελήματος αὐτοῦ, 12 εἰς τὸ
εἶναι ἡμᾶς εἰς ἔπαινον δόξης
αὐτοῦ τοὺς προηλπικότας ἐν τῷ
Χριστῷ·

11 In Christ we have also
obtained an inheritance, having
been destined according to the
purpose of him who
accomplishes all things
according to his counsel and
will, 12 so that we, who were
the first to set our hope on
Christ, might live for the praise
of his glory.



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- **3.3.0.2 Ministry Directions**

- **Eph. 4:11-12**

11 καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν 11 The gifts he gave were that
ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, some would be apostles, some
τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ prophets, some evangelists,
ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, 12 some pastors and teachers, 12
πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν to equip the saints for the
ἀγίων εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς work of ministry, for building
οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ up the body of Christ,
Χριστοῦ,



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- **3.3.0 Paul's Theology of Ministry**
- **3.3.0.2 Ministry Directions listed in NT**

διακονέω / διάκονος
εὐπάρεδον
ἐπισκοπή / ἐπισκοπέω /
ἐπίσκοπος
ποιμήν
εὐαγγελιστής
πρεσβύτερος /
συμπρεσβύτερος
προφήτης / προφήτις

ψευδαπόστολος
ψευδοπροφήτης
ἀντίχριστος
ψευδόχριστος

ἀπόστολος χάρισμα
ἀποστολή Διὰ χάριτος θεοῦ
Χριστός
Rom. 12:3-8
1 Cor. 12:4-15
1 Cor. 12:27-31
Eph. 4:11-13
1 Pet. 4:10-11

Conclusions:

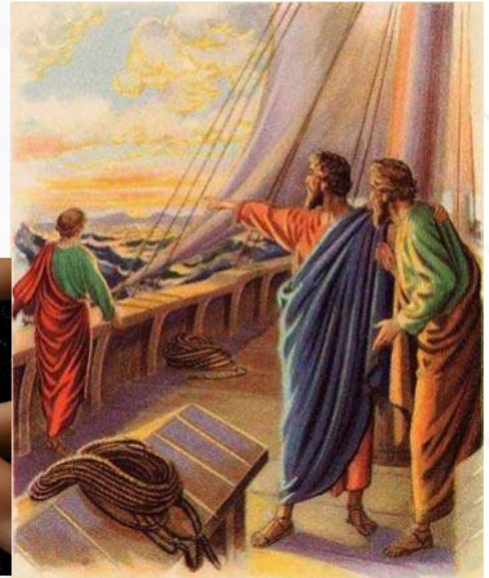
1. Meeting needs
2. Flexible structure
3. Global vision
4. Faithful service
5. No empire building



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- **NEXT WEEK:**
- **Topics 4.0 with sub topics 4.1.0 – 4.1.1.2 in chapter four**
- **4.0, Part II: The Missionary**
 - **4.1.0 Missions Overview**



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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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