

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

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Lorin Cranford Session Fifteen

Topics: Beginnings of Missions

What the study tonight is about:

- **4.2.0 Depiction of Paul's Beginngs**
- **4.2.0.1 Departure from Damascus**

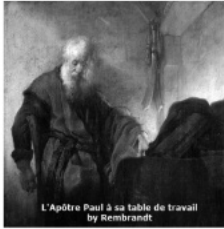


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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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- **Unit II: Paul the Missionary**
- **Chapter 4: Preparation for Missions**
- **4.2.0 Depiction of Paul's Beginnings**
- **4.2.0.1 Departure from Damascus**
- **4.2.0.1.1 – 4.2.0.1.2 Paul's Description**
- **4.2.0.1.3 – 4.2.0.1.4 Luke's Description**



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- **Session Fifteen:**

- Taken from Chapter Four of the book
- Emphasis on Paul's preparation for missionary service
- 4.2.0 Depiction of Paul's Beginnings
- 4.2.0.1 Departure from Damascus

- **Learning Goals:**

- 1. Learning about his early ministry after conversion
- 2. Understanding how this information has been interpreted



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- **4.2.0.4 Ministry in Antioch**



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- **4.2.0.1.1 Paul's Description: Gal. 1:16b-17**



16b 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.

16b 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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- **4.2.0.1.2 Paul's Description: 2 Cor. 11:32-33**



32 In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, 33 but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

32 ἐν Δαμασκῶ ὁ ἐθνάρχης Ἀρέτα τοῦ βασιλέως ἐφρούρει τὴν πόλιν Δαμασκηνῶν ἵνα με πιάσῃ, 33 καὶ διὰ θυρίδος ἐν σαργάνῃ ἐχαλάσθην διὰ τοῦ τείχους καὶ ἐξέφυγον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ.



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- **4.2.0.1.3.1 In Damascus: vv. 19b-22**
- **4.2.0.1.3.1 Plot to kill Paul: vv. 23-25**



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• 4.2.0.1.3 Luke's Description: Acts 9:19b-25

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" 22 Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

23 After some time had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night so that they might kill him; 25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

Ἐγένετο ἄρα μετὰ τῶν ἐν Δαμασκῷ μαθητῶν ἡμέρας τινάς, 20 καὶ εὐθέως ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς ἐκήρυσσεν τὸν Ἰησοῦν ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ. 21 ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες οἱ ἀκούοντες καὶ ἔλεγον· Οὐχ οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ πορθήσας ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ τοὺς ἐπικαλουμένους τὸ ὄνομα τοῦτο, καὶ ὧδε εἰς τοῦτο ἐληλύθει ἵνα δεδεμένους αὐτοὺς ἀγάγη ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς; 22 Σαῦλος δὲ μᾶλλον ἐνεδυναμοῦτο καὶ συνέχυνεν τοὺς Ἰουδαίους τοὺς κατοικοῦντας ἐν Δαμασκῷ, συμβιβάζων ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ χριστός.

23 Ὡς δὲ ἐπληροῦντο ἡμέραι ἱκαναί, συνεβουλεύσαντο οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι ἀνελεῖν αὐτόν· 24 ἐγνώσθη δὲ τῷ Σαύλῳ ἡ ἐπιβουλή αὐτῶν. ἴπαρηροῦντο δὲ καὶ τὰς πύλας ἡμέρας τε καὶ νυκτὸς ὅπως αὐτὸν ἀνέλωσιν· 25 λαβόντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ νυκτὸς διὰ τοῦ τείχους καθήκαν αὐτὸν χαλάσαντες ἐν σπυρίδι.

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- **4.2.0.1.4 Luke's Description: Acts 26:19-20**



19 "After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance.

19 Ὅθεν, βασιλεῦ Ἀγρίππα, οὐκ ἐγενόμην ἀπειθῆς τῇ οὐρανίῳ ὁπασίᾳ, 20 ἀλλὰ τοῖς ἐν Δαμασκῶ πρώτον Ἴτε καὶ Ἱεροσολύμοις, Ἰπᾶσάν τε τὴν χώραν τῆς Ἰουδαίας, καὶ τοῖς ἔθνεσιν Ἰἀπήγγελλον μετανοεῖν καὶ ἐπιστρέφειν ἐπὶ τὸν θεόν, ἄξια τῆς μετανοίας ἔργα πράσσοντας.



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<p>Gal. 1:16b-17</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Went to Arabia immediately 2. Returned to Damascus 3. After 3 yrs went to Jerusalem (v. 18a) 	<p>2 Cor. 11:32-33</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ethnarch under Aretas watched gates to arrest Paul 2. Paul let down thru a window in the wall and escaped. 	<p>Acts 9:19b-25</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediately began preaching Jesus in synagogues 2. Became increasingly more powerful preacher 3. Jews plotted to kill him. 4. Disciples let him thru opening down the wall in a basket during the night. 	<p>Acts 26:19-20</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In obedience he preached first to Jews in Damascus 2. Then to Jews in Jerusalem and Judea 3. Also to Gentiles 4. "Repent, turn to God, do deeds consistent w. repentance."
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1. **Historical Exegesis must consider all details.**
2. **Establishing a time line is important.**
3. **Give attention to individual purposes for texts**
4. **Resist temptation to 'harmonize' at all costs.**
5. **Don't loose sight of spiritual lessons in the texts.**



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- **NEXT Session:**
- **4.0, Part II: The Missionary**
- **4.2.0 Depiction of Paul's Beginnings**
- **4.2.0.2 First Trip to Jerusalem**
- **4.2.0.2.1 - 4.2.0.2.3**



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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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