

The Apostle Paul: Servant of Christ

Overview Study

LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

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- **Study Objective:**
 - **To better understand the contributions of Paul to Christianity**
- **Strategy:**
 - **Paul the Person**
 - **Paul the Christian**
 - **Paul the Missionary**
 - **Paul the Writer**
 - **Paul the Teacher**

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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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2 Cor. 11:22. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

Acts 23:6. When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead."

Jerome, *De Viris Illustribus*, 5. Paul, formerly called Saul, an apostle outside the number of the twelve apostles, was of the tribe of Benjamin and the town of Giscalis in Galilee. When this was taken by the Romans he removed with his parents to Tarsus in Cilicia.

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Acts 23:16. Now the son of Paul's sister heard about the ambush; so he went and gained entrance to the barracks and told Paul.

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Rom. 16:7. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Rom. 16:11-12. 11 Greet my relative Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. 12 Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.

Rom. 16:21. Timothy, my co-worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my relatives.

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