

# Comparing Paul's Commission with the Twelve's – Part 1

## Introduction

- A commission has to do with the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of another.
- *“Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests.” Acts 26:12*
- Nowhere in the Bible does God label a set of instructions as “the great commission.”
- As we study, we find that God's Word is a \_\_\_\_\_ of “great commissions.”
- Many Bible teachers assume that Christ's words to the eleven after His resurrection and before His ascension were the \_\_\_\_\_ commissions He gave until now.
- As we learned last week, Christ spoke, yet again (this time from heaven), and gave a great commission to a different person, the apostle Paul.
- Was Paul's commission simply a reiteration of the commissions that Christ gave to the twelve? Is Paul's commission identical to the twelve's?
- When one takes the time to truly examine the words of these commissions, they will find that they differ in many ways. Let's explore these commissions and seek to rightly divide the differences.

## The Twelve

\_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem

## Paul

\_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem

- When Christ commissioned the twelve, God made it very clear where they were to begin their work, Jerusalem. Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8
- How does this compare with Paul's commission? When Paul went to Jerusalem, Christ told him to \_\_\_\_\_ out quickly. Acts 22:18, 21

## The Twelve

Received their commission on

\_\_\_\_\_

## Paul

Received his commission from

\_\_\_\_\_

- The twelve were given the promise that as Christ left the earth and went to heaven, He would one day \_\_\_\_\_ from the heavens to the earth. Acts 1:9-11
- Paul received His commission from Christ in the heavens (Acts 9:3). Paul called his commission "*the heavenly vision*" (Acts 26:19).
- Paul's commission involved making known a new heavenly organism called the body of Christ, whose blessings are not \_\_\_\_\_, but heavenly. Ephesians 1:3, 2:6-7

## The Twelve

Go to \_\_\_\_\_ only after witnessing  
throughout the land of Israel

## Paul

Go directly to the \_\_\_\_\_

- Christ made it very clear to the twelve that their message must go to the land area of Israel \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 1:8
- They would eventually get to the \_\_\_\_\_ with their message, but not until the land area of Israel received it first. Matthew 28:19 must be viewed in light of Matthew 10:23, Luke 24:7, and Acts 1:8.
- Paul began his ministry by going into \_\_\_\_\_ and then Damascus. Galatians 1:17
- Paul's first recorded \_\_\_\_\_ was not in Israel at all, but in Antioch of Syria. Acts 11:25
- Christ made it very clear that the focus of Paul's commission was not the conversion of Israel, but rather, to reach \_\_\_\_\_ with the gospel of Christ. Acts 22:21, 26:17-18

**Next week we will continue this study, comparing Paul's commission with the twelve's commission.**