

Comparing Paul's Commission with the Twelve's – Part 2

Introduction

- 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

The Twelve

Received their commission on

Paul

Received his commission from

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 24:47, 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

The Twelve

Preach the gospel of the _____
and the gospel of God

Paul

Preach the gospel of _____
and the gospel of grace

- Paul received a gospel by direct revelation of Jesus Christ from heaven. Galatians 1:11-12
 - This revelation had previously been kept a _____. It was a mystery. Ephesians 3:1-9
 - This is why Paul refers to it as "*my gospel*." Romans 2:16, 16:25; 2 Timothy 2:8
- Paul calls this gospel "*the gospel of Christ*."
 - This gospel simply proclaims that a Gentile can be saved by faith _____ in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Romans 3:21-22
- When Christ commissioned the twelve in Matthew 28:18-20 and told them to go and teach all nations, what gospel were they to proclaim? It could not have been Paul's gospel because it hadn't been revealed yet.
 - Matthew 24:14 identifies it as "*the gospel of the _____*."
 - In context, this was the good news that Christ is _____ to earth and will establish a literal, physical, visible kingdom on earth.

The Twelve

Teach the commandments Christ gave them while on _____

Paul

Teach truth revealed by Christ from _____

- What did Christ commission the twelve to teach? They were to teach people to _____ the commandments that Christ had given them. Matthew 28:20
- This would include the commandments of the _____ (Matthew 5:17-19), as well as other righteous commands that Christ gave them in view of His coming kingdom to earth. For an example, read Matthew 5:39-44, 6:19-34, and Luke 12:32-34.

- When Paul was converted, Christ made it clear that Paul was to preach according to what Christ had shown him from heaven and the special revelations that Christ would give him in the _____ . Acts 26:16
- Christ would give to Paul special revelation that had previously been kept _____ . Colossians 1:25-26