

# Comparing Paul's Commission with the Twelve's – Part 3

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### The Twelve

Preach the gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the gospel of God

### Paul

Preach the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ and the gospel of grace

### 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

## The Twelve

\_\_\_\_\_ baptism was a crucial part of their commission and message

## Paul

The emphasis is on Spirit baptism, not \_\_\_\_\_ baptism

- Water baptism was a \_\_\_\_\_ part of the message that Christ commissioned the twelve to proclaim. Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38
- But water baptism is never mentioned in Christ's commission to Paul (Acts 26:16-18). In fact, Paul said that "*Christ sent me \_\_\_\_\_ to baptize, but to preach the gospel.*" 1 Corinthians 1:17
- Paul revealed that every person that believes on Christ is immediately baptized by the Holy Spirit into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-27; Ephesians 4:4-6

## In Conclusion:

- You may ask, "Why are Christ's commissions to the twelve and to Paul so different?"
- It is very simple. With the rejection of the twelve's message by Israel, God would now usher in a time period that had been kept secret. A time of \_\_\_\_\_ unrevealed previously.
- The unfolding of this mystery and its truths would require a new apostle, with a new \_\_\_\_\_, and a new commission.
- The commission to the twelve has simply been interrupted, but will \_\_\_\_\_ in the future after the body of Christ has been taken up to heaven.

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