

Why is Paul in the Bible? – Part 2

Introduction

- One of the most significant events in the Word of God is the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, later known as the apostle _____. Acts 9:1-9
- The conversion of Paul marked the beginning of the unfolding of the mystery of God's purpose and grace for the past 2,000 years.
- Why Paul? Why is he in the Bible? If Christ already had twelve apostles that he had trained for over three years, why was there a need for another apostle?
- In this lesson, we will seek to answer the question from God's Word, "Why Paul?"

I. Paul was given divine truth that had previously been kept _____.

II. Paul was given the special office of _____ apostleship.

1. A Gentile is anyone that is not a Jew. Paul himself was a _____, therefore his burden was to see his people (the nation of Israel) repent and accept Christ as their Messiah.
2. Soon after his conversion to Christ, Paul traveled to Jerusalem for this purpose.
3. God made it clear that He had another _____ for Paul. God would send him to the Gentiles with special revelation that we saw under point number one. Acts 22:18, 21, 26:16-18
4. Over and over again, Paul affirms that his message and ministry were aimed directly at the Gentile church.
5. In fact, in Romans 11:13 Paul declares, *"...I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office."*
 - Paul was not magnifying his _____, but rather his _____. He was given the _____ of Gentile apostleship. Galatians 2:7-8; Ephesians 3:1, 8
 - *"That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Romans 15:16*

6. _____ personally ordained and appointed Paul to this office.
1 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11
7. Peter and Paul both preached Christ, but in different ways.
- _____ preached Christ as Israel's risen Messiah. Acts 3:19-21
 - _____ preached Christ as the risen Head of a new organism, called the body of Christ, where there is no Jew or Gentile. Colossians 1:26-27
8. To Paul was revealed that Israel had been temporarily _____ off as the Gentiles were cut off. Now a Jew must come to Christ the same way a Gentile does, through the grace of God and _____ in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Romans 10:12-13
9. There is so much confusion in Christendom today. The answer is for people to recognize who their God-appointed _____ and apostle is – the apostle Paul.