

PPAUL INTRODUCING PAUL (2) TITUS 1:1-4

Paul introduces himself in 3 ways:

1. Paul a servant of God

2. Paul an apostle of Jesus Christ

Titus 1:1 PAUL, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

Galatians 1:1 PAUL, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

Galatians 1:11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

Galatians 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

* A fine young man. Decent, respectful, able,...

His mother had a "profit." The "profit" prophesied over her.

And now we have "apostles!"

Frankly this is now common:

Charismatic apostles

Roman catholic apostolic see

Mormon apostles / lineage

All cults have similar people...

Obviously, all about:

- Power
- Control
- Money

Apostles of Christ:

- Were chosen by Christ
- Were companions of Christ

Mark 3:13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, Mark 3:15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

Mark 3:16 And Simon he surnamed Peter;

Mark 3:17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

Mark 3:18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,

Mark 3:19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: And they went into an house.

Acts 1:21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

Acts 1:22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

- Were eyewitnesses of the resurrection
- Were a **small, exclusive** group...normally called "the twelve"

Acts 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

1 Corinthians 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

➤ A group that included one **abnormal** apostle → Paul!

Acts 22:3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

2 Corinthians 5:16 Wherefore **henceforth** know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Acts 7:58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 26:9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Acts 26:10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. Acts 26:11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

1 Corinthians 15:7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

1 Corinthians 15:9 **For** I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

➤ a group chosen to:

Evangelize the world (not only Jews)

Establish local churches

Found the Church

Write the Scripture | receive revelation

All built not on their personalities but on their teachings / writings

Titus 1:4 To Titus, mine own son after **the common faith**: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in **the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

3. Paul a preacher of the gospel

Titus 1:3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching (ἐν κηρύγματι), which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;