

## 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;