

THE RISING UP OF THE APOSTLE PAUL AS A SPECIAL WITNESS AND SERVANT OF THE LORD

1. The Jerusalem Church

- a) An evaluation of its Ministries
- b) An evaluation of its Leaders (Apostles and other Leaders)
- c) Limitations must be recognised
 - i) Mostly to Jews
 - ii) Little or no development of Ministry to Gentiles

2. The Raising of the Apostle Paul as a Powerful Witness

- a) Introduction of Saul Acts 8-9
- b) Conversion of Saul Acts 9
- c) Transformation of Saul/Paul Acts 9
- d) An outstanding witness and minister for the Lord Jesus

3. Paul's Testimony to the Multitudes in Jerusalem (Acts 21:29-30; 22:1-21)

- a) Ananias (the one who baptised Paul)
"For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard" Acts 22:15
 - i) Baptised Paul
 - ii) Brought about Healing of Paul's blindness
 - iii) Announced Paul's special ministry as a witness
- b) The Lord Jesus (special appearance to Paul when he was in prison)
"But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, " Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome" Acts 23:11
 - i) Bearing witness in Jerusalem
 - ii) Bearing witness in Rome
- c) Recalling what the Lord Jesus said in a testimony before Paul

“But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.” Acts 26:16-17

i) Appointed a minister (a servant)

ii) Appointed a witness

4. Paul’s understanding of his life and ministry

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life” 1 Timothy 1:15-16

“I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles” 2 Timothy 1:11

a) Admission of being a great sinner

b) Saved as a pattern to all who are going to believe

c) Appointments in ministry

i) Preacher

ii) Apostle

iii) Teacher to the Gentiles