

“Paul...”

Text: Romans 1:1

Scripture reading: Acts 9:1-31

Preface:

I. An introduction:

From _____ to _____ to _____

A) From _____ of Jesus (Acts 9:20)

B) ...to _____ of Jesus (Acts 9:15-16; Gal. 1:11-12)

First missionary journey: _____

Second missionary journey: _____

Third missionary journey: _____

C) ...to _____ for Jesus

1. Enslaved to Christ (II Cor. 11:23-29)

2. Called into Apostleship (Acts 1:24; II Cor. 12:12; II Thess. 2:13)

3. Separated for the gospel (Jn. 1:1, 14; Phil. 3:7)

Conclusion:

1) God's _____ over my history

2) God's _____ marking my life

3) God's _____ for His gospel

“Justification finds men ungodly, though it do not leave them so.”
-Obadiah Grew (English minister; 1607-1689)

Sermon quotes:

Preface:

-Martin Luther called Romans, *“the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest gospel.”*

-John Calvin, *“When any one gains a knowledge of this Epistle, he has an entrance opened to him to all the most hidden treasures of Scripture.”*

-Fredric Godet, *“The Reformation was certainly the work of the epistle to the Romans and that to the Galatians, and it is probable that every great spiritual renovation in the Church will always be linked, both in cause and in effect, to a deeper knowledge of this book.”*

-Donald Grey Barnhouse, *“There is in the book of Romans that which will delight the greatest logician and hold the attention of the wisest among men, and there is that in the book of Romans that will bring the humblest soul in tears of repentance to the feet of the Saviour, will give him the knowledge of the true value of his soul in the light of eternity and a true concept of the dignity of human personality when it has been lifted by the grace of God.”*

-John Murray, *“The epistle to the Romans is God’s Word. Its theme is the gospel of His grace, and the gospel bespeaks the marvels of His condescension and love. If we are not overwhelmed by the glory of that gospel and ushered into the holy of holies of God’s presence, we have missed the grand purpose of this sacred deposit.”*

Conclusion:

-Matryn Lloyd-Jones, *“...do not let the devil tempt you into thinking that all your natural gifts are valueless and useless. You have used your personality in your old life – God wants to use it in the new life. You used your gifts in your old life, in your business, in your sin. The same gifts can be used in your Christian witness, in your Christian deportment. .. We all have gifts; let us therefore hand them back to Him that He may use them.”*