



1. Introducing Paul

Acts 26

- “We call our dogs Nero and our sons Paul” – TR Glover
- 13 letters in New Testament, and half of Acts is about him.

1. Paul – prepared by God

- New Testament world – a world of 3 great cultures: Greek, Roman, Jewish
- Paul—the man God shaped for three cultures

a) His Greek Background

- Born in Tarsus (Turkey)—famous for its trade and learning
- Paul familiar with Greek language, culture and thinking

b) His Roman Background (Roman name Paul)

- Born a Roman Citizen—an unusual privilege outside of Rome.
- Citizenship brought certain privileges – safety, fair trial, appeal

c) His Jewish Background (Jewish name Saul)

- Ultra-religious Jewish family; sent to Jerusalem to top religious teacher
- Knew Old Testament inside out, all the arguments. Trained in debate

Application

- God shapes us, every experience so that nothing will be wasted

2. Paul – Changed by God

a) The Persecutor

- Saul hates the implications of Jesus’ death—the end of Judaism
- Sets out to destroy Christianity—an appalling period of persecution
- Acts 8:3; Gal 1:13; Acts 26:10,11; Acts 9:1

b) From Persecutor to Preacher

- Meets the risen Jesus—his world instantly turned upside-down
- Not destroyed but shown mercy and grace—1 Tim 1:14,16
- Changed by God’s staggering display of love

Applications

- Has God interrupted your life, met with you to change you?
- Don’t lose hope for anyone—God can change the most opposed person
- Paul’s view of what Jesus did for him spurred him on to service

3. Paul – Used by God

- A deeply religious man who knew being religious wasn’t enough
- A horrifically violent man who knew there was mercy for any sin
- Used by God to take the good news to the heart of the empire Acts 28:31

Application

- Pray and look for how God can use you, and your experiences



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Sunday 2nd August 09

Notices

Tuesday Prayer time for Go Team at Mark & Judith’s

Sun 23rd - Fri 28th Aug - Letterkenny Go Team

10 or so young people coming to work here for the week, distributing a magazine around Letterkenny and doing other outreach work. Don’t forget to be praying for them, and if you are able to be involved in catering or in the week’s work, then speak to Mark

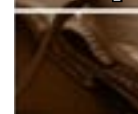
Student Accommodation in Belfast

Renwick House is a hostel for young singles who are working or studying in the Belfast area, and is run by Covenanter Residential Association Ltd. It has some vacancies for 2009/2010 year. If you are 18-25 and looking for bed-sit accommodation in Belfast (or know someone who is), application forms can be obtained from Graham Moffett: rgrahammoffett@hotmail.com or Valerie McKay: cral1@btconnect.com

Scotland Holiday Conference 2010

Application forms are available for the holiday Conference in Gartmore, Scotland 2010. Please consider going to this conference as it will be an ideal opportunity to see some of the Covenanter sites, as well as enjoy great teaching, and get to know other Christians.

Christianity Explored



A 6-week course designed to let you find out the facts about Jesus, and to find answers to your questions the Bible and Christianity.

- You don’t need to know anything about the Bible
- You won’t be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

If you’re interested in finding out more, or having one in your home for friends to come to - speak to Mark

Sunday 9th - Phillipians - The Mystery Man in the Vision (Acts 16:6-10)

Opening Psalm: 104:27-31

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