

PAUL'S SELF-DESCRIPTION: A HUMBLE INTRODUCTION (Romans 1:1)

1. He was a "slave" of Christ Jesus
 - Paul could have introduced himself differently
 - A _____, tutored by the renowned Jewish master Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)
 - A _____ (Acts 22:28), a title of significant influence in Rome
 - A _____ of the risen Christ (Acts 22:6-11)
 - A _____ due to his firsthand experience of the third heaven (2 Cor. 12:2-5)
 - Paul chose to identify himself as a _____ is the Greek word for "slave"
 - 4 realities for a slave
 - They were another person's _____.
 - They were _____, bought for a price.
 - They received no _____.
 - They could not _____.
 - Greeks, Romans and Jews despised servitude above everything else.
 - According to Phil. 2:7, _____ took on the form of a _____.
2. He was called to be an "apostle"
 - "Called to be" implies that Paul _____.
 - Paul understood himself to be _____ by God (Acts 9)
 - _____ is the Greek word for "Apostle"
 - An apostle is one who is sent to speak on behalf of and represent another
 - An apostle is like an _____ in that he authoritatively communicates as an official representative of the One who has sent him
3. He was "set apart" for the Gospel of God
 - The Greek word for "set apart" means to _____, to _____, to _____.
 - God singled Paul out to preach the Good News or the Gospel of God
 - The "_____" comes from the Greek word, euangelion, meaning the "_____" about Jesus Christ

PAUL'S OVERVIEW OF THE GOSPEL (Romans 1:2-6)

1. The _____ of the gospel was _____ (v.2)
 - The gospel was promised _____.
 - The gospel was promised through His _____.
 - The gospel was promised in the holy _____.

2. The _____ of the gospel is _____ (v.3-4)

- Jesus was born a descendant of _____.
- Jesus was born according to the _____.
- Jesus was declared the _____.
 - with power
 - by the resurrection from the dead
 - according to the Spirit of holiness

3. The _____ of the gospel is to produce _____ (v.5-6)

PAUL'S INTRODUCTORY GREETING

Paul's two-fold Identification of his audience

1. "Loved by God"
2. "called to be his holy people"

- The Greek word "hagiois" means, _____ or _____.

- "called" means, to be set apart, kept pure

Paul's double-blessing

1. Grace

- Grace, ("charis" in the Greek) refers to God's _____.

- Grace refers to God giving us what we need but do not deserve

2. Peace

- Peace ("eirene" in the Greek) refers to _____ and found only in God through Jesus Christ

- Peace, here, becomes an extension of the Jewish greeting, "shalom"