

# *Thursday Morning Bible Study*

## INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY

2 TIM. 1:1 PAUL, AN APOSTLE OF CHRIST JESUS BY THE WILL OF GOD ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS

### WHO IS PAUL?

ACTS 22:3 "I AM A JEW, BORN IN TARSUS OF CILICIA, BUT BROUGHT UP IN THIS CITY (JERUSALEM), EDUCATED UNDER GAMALIEL, STRICTLY ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF OUR FATHERS, BEING ZEALOUS FOR GOD JUST AS YOU ARE TODAY.

1. PAUL WAS BORN IN A \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE
2. PAUL WAS EDUCATED BY \_\_\_\_\_
3. PAUL WAS A \_\_\_\_\_

PHIL. 3:5-6 CIRCUMCIZED THE EIGHTH DAY, OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL, OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, A HEBREW OF HEBREWS; AS TO THE LAW, A PHARISEE, AS TO ZEAL, A PERSECUTOR OF THE CHURCH; AS TO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS IN THE LAW, FOUND BLAMELESS.

ACTS 26:5 I PERSECUTED THIS WAY TO THE DEATH, BINDING AND PUTTING BOTH MEN AND WOMEN INTO PRISONS, AS ALSO THE HIGH PRIEST AND ALL THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS CAN TESTIFY. FROM THEM I ALSO RECEIVED LETTERS TO THE BRETHREN, AND STARTED OFF FOR DAMASCUS IN ORDER TO BRING EVEN THOSE WHO WERE THERE TO JERUSALEM AS PRISONERS TO BE PUNISHED.

PAUL'S TESTIMONY:

V. 7-16 BUT IT HAPPENED THAT AS I WAS ON MY WAY, APPROACHING DAMASCUS ABOUT NOONTIME, A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT SUDDENLY FLASHED FROM HEAVEN ALL AROUND ME, AND I FELL TO THE GROUND AND HEARD A VOICE SAYING TO ME, "SAUL, SAUL, WHY ARE YOU PERSECUTING ME?" AND I ANSWERED, "WHO ARE YOU, LORD?" AND HE SAID TO ME, "I AM JESUS THE NAZARENE, WHOM YOU ARE PERSECUTING." AND THOSE WHO WERE WITH ME SAW THE LIGHT, TO BE SURE, BUT DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE VOICE OF THE ONE WHO WAS SPEAKING TO ME. AND I SAID, "WHAT SHALL I DO, LORD?" AND THE LORD SAID TO ME, "GET UP AND GO ON INTO DAMASCUS, AND THERE YOU WILL BE TOLD OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOR YOU TO DO." BUT SINCE I COULD NOT SEE BECAUSE OF THE BRIGHTNESS OF THAT LIGHT, I WAS LED BY THE HAND BY THOSE WHO WERE WITH ME AND CAME INTO DAMASCUS. A CERTAIN ANANIAS, A MAN WHO WAS DEVOUT BY THE STANDARD OF THE LAW, AND WELL SPOKEN OF BY ALL THE JEWS WHO LIVED THERE, CAME TO ME, AND STANDING NEAR SAID TO ME, "BROTHER SAUL, RECEIVE YOUR SIGHT!" AND AT THE VERY TIME I LOOKED UP AT HIM. AND HE SAID, "THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS HAS APPOINTED YOU TO KNOW HIS WILL AND TO SEE THE RIGHTEOUS ONE AND TO HEAR AN UTTERANCE FROM HIS MOUTH. FOR YOU WILL BE A WITNESS FOR HIM TO ALL MEN OF WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.



NOW WHY DO YOU DELAY? GET UP AND BE BAPTIZED, AND WASH AWAY YOUR SINS, CALLING UPON HIS NAME."

4. JESUS MAKES HIM AN \_\_\_\_\_

### WHY IS HE AN APOSTLE?

1. BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

THE TERM "APOSTLE" MEANS:

- ONE WHO IS \_\_\_\_\_ FORTH
- LIKE AN \_\_\_\_\_
- SET \_\_\_\_\_

THE APOSTLES OF THE NT WERE:

- DIRECTLY APPOINTED BY \_\_\_\_\_
- FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPREADING THE \_\_\_\_\_
- GIVING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NT

1 COR. 15:7-8 THEN JESUS APPEARED TO JAMES THEN TO ALL THE APOSTLES; AND LAST OF ALL, AS IT WERE, TO ONE UNTIMELY BORN, HE APPEARED TO ME ALSO, FOR I AM THE LEAST OF THE APOSTLES WHO AM NOT FIT TO BE CALLED AN APOSTLE BECAUSE I PERSECUTED THE CHURCH OF GOD

1 COR. 9:1 AM I NOT FREE? AM I NOT AN APOSTLE? HAVE I NOT SEEN JESUS OUR LORD?

- A WITNESS OF THE LORD'S \_\_\_\_\_ BODY

GALATIONS 1:11-18 FOR I WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW, BRETHREN, THAT THE GOSPEL WHICH WAS PREACHED BY ME IS NOT ACCORDING TO MAN. **FOR I NEITHER RECEIVED IT FROM MAN, NOR WAS I TAUGHT IT, BUT I RECEIVED IT THROUGH A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.** FOR YOU HAVE HEARD OF MY FORMER MANNER OF LIFE IN JUDAISM, HOW I USED TO PERSECUTE THE CHURCH OF GOD BEYOND MEASURE AND TRIED TO DESTROY IT; AND I WAS ADVANCING IN JUDAISM BEYOND MANY OF MY CONTEMPORARIES AMONG MY COUNTRYMENT, BEING MORE EXTREMELY ZEALOUS FOR MY ANCESTRAL TRADITIONS. BUT WHEN **GOD, WHO HAD SET ME APART EVEN FROM MY MOTHER'S WOMB AND CALLED ME THROUGH GRACE WAS PLEASED TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME SO THAT I MIGHT PREACH HIM AMONG THE GENTILES,** I DID NOT IMMEDIATELY CONSULT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD, NOR DID I GO UP TO JERUSALEM TO THOSE WHO WERE APOSTLES BEFORE ME; BUT I WENT AWAY TO **ARABIA,** AND RETURNED ONCE MORE TO DAMASCUS. THEN **THREE YEARS** LATER, I WENT UP TO JERUSALEM TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH CEPHAS AND STAYED WITH HIM FIFTEEN DAYS. BUT I DID NOT SEE ANY OTHER OF THE APOSTLES EXCEPT JAMES, THE LORD'S BROTHER

2 TIM. 4:7

**I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,  
I HAVE FINISHED THE COURSE,  
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH**