

PAUL, A SERVANT OF GOD

TITUS 1:1

Introduction:

- A. This is a sermon about a man.
 - 1. Not a "superman."
 - 2. Not the story of a "winner."

- B. This man's life story has three distinct parts.
 - 1. Beginning, "Saul of Tarsus."
 - 2. Middle, "Paul, the Apostle."
 - 3. End, "Paul, the Aged."

I. PAUL, AS "SAUL OF TARSUS."

- A. A religionist.
 - 1. Acts 26:4-5.
 - 2. Phil. 3:6.

- B. A persecutor.
 - 1. Acts 7:58, 8:2-3, 22:4.

- C. A Blasphemer.
 - 1. I Tim. 1:13.

- D. Chief of sinners.
 - 1. I Tim. 1:15.

II. PAUL, AS "PAUL THE APOSTLE."

- A. Text = Word study.
 - 1. doulos = servant. A slave, to stand in relationship of a slave.
 - 2. Greeks found personal dignity in the fact of his freedom. Did not desire to be in bondage of will.
 - 3. Service is not repudiated. The Greek city-state depended upon the service of citizens, they gave it with all their powers, even to life itself.

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4. Service of a doulos, has no possibility of evading the tasks laid upon him, he has no personal choice, he must do what another will have done, refrain from doing what another will not have done.
5. "Paul, a servant of God."

B. II Cor. 11:22-28.

III. THE CHANGE, WHY AND HOW?

A. Paul at Jerusalem.

1. Acts 22:6-8.

B. Paul before Felix.

1. Acts 24:14-16.

C. Paul before Agrippa.

1. Acts 26:9-15.

D. Paul to the Philippians.

1. Phil. 3:8-10.

IV. PAUL, AS "PAUL THE AGED."

A. Philemon 9, "Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ."

B. II Tim. 4:6-8.