

Reformation Week #1

I. Bio on Paul

1. Born 5 a.d. in Tarsus.
2. Studied under Gamaliel. **Acts 22:3**
3. Privileged Jew with Roman citizenship.
4. Authored 13 New Testament books.
5. Opened the gospel up to Gentiles.
6. Saved on the road to Damascus.
7. Died in 65 a.d. in Rome under the persecution of Nero

II. Outline of Romans: Paul's Constitution of Christianity

1. Chapters 1-3: What's wrong with the world: sin
2. Chapters 4-5: What's the hope of the world: salvation
3. Chapters 5-6: What are the keys to growing as a Christian: sanctification
4. Chapters 8-11: Where is God in the world: sovereignty
5. chapters 12-16: What do I do with the Gospel: service

III. Paul on Paul (Romans 1:1-7)

1. Paul was a saved man.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

1 Corinthians 15:9

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

- Commitment to the truth comes before commitment to the task.
- Paul's salvation rested in who Christ is.

2. Paul was a slave.

- Paul found it better off under Christ.
- Maximum freedom comes under authority.

3. Paul was a "sent" one. (vs. 1,6,7)

- The called of God are located, loved and lifted up.
- Paul's call was to go to the Wild, Wild West.
- Paul had a ministry and not just a message.

Paul's attitude was obedience to the faith, his assignment was all nations, and his authority was in His name.

4. Paul was a separated man.

- Christianity is not just being separated from sin; it is being separated unto Christ.
- Saul left the banks of the forbidden for the depths of God's freedom.

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

5. Paul was a satisfied man.

- Romans refreshes religion with the Gospel – *justification by faith*. (vs. 5)
- In Romans Jesus is the promised, provided, powerful, pure One.
- In Romans Jesus is the source, grace is the supply, and faith is the conduit.