

The Gospel's Effect on Paul

1 Timothy 1:1-2

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Thesis: The testimony of others can help remind us of the profound impact of the gospel on those who believe.

Who was Paul?

A high Jew (Phil. 3:5-6)

Educated (Acts 22:3)

Persecutor of Christians (Acts 8:1-3, Acts 7:58)

Paul in his own words (1 Tim. 1:12-13, Acts 9:1-22, Acts 22:3-21, Acts 26:9-23)

What did the gospel change Paul into?

An Apostle. What is an Apostle?

One directly appointed by Jesus Christ, empowered and authorized by Him (Gal. 1:1, 11-17, 2 Cor. 12:12, 1 Thes. 2:6)

An eye witness of the resurrected Christ (1 Cor. 15:3-9, Cf. Acts 1:22, 1 Cor. 9:1)

A foundational stone of the church along with the prophets as a bearer of the gospel and of God's revelation (Rom. 1:1, Eph. 2:30; 3:4,5, 1 Tim. 2:7, 2 Tim. 1:11)

First in leadership and authority in the church along with the other apostles (1 Cor. 12:28, 2 Cor. 11:5, 2 Cor. 12:11, Eph. 4:11, 1 Thes. 2:6, cf. Acts 15: 23-29; 16:4)

In Paul's case he was especially responsible for the Gentiles (Rom. 1:5; 11:13, 1 Cor. 9:2, Gal. 2:7-9, 1 Tim. 2:7)

When was he commanded to be an apostle?

At his conversion (Acts 9:1-22, 22:3-21, 26:9-23)

How is Christ Jesus our hope?

Consistent with Paul's preaching in Acts, Jesus is the Messiah, our Savior (Acts 9:20, 22, 17:2,3, 18:5)

Who is Timothy?

He was a believer from an early age (Acts 16:1-2)

He was influenced in the faith by his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 1:5)

Paul's representative to several churches (1 Cor. 4:17; Phil. 2:19)

He had a Jewish mother and a Greek father (Acts 16:1)

How is he Paul's true child in the faith and why is that important?

Timothy's father was an unbelieving Greek (Acts 16:1)

Because of Timothy's parents, his birth would have been considered illegitimate

Paul was convinced of Timothy's faith (2 Tim. 1:6)

Paul fills the void left by Timothy's father

Paul' greeting to Timothy explained : Grace - Mercy - Peace

Timothy struggled with fear (2 Tim. 1:7)

Reflection:

- **Have you allowed your past to haunt you?**
- **How does the testimony of others help you see the power of the gospel in your own life?**
- **Be encouraged to know that no one is outside the reach of our great God!**