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The Apostle Paul wanted his readers to know that his message was not of him, but from God – it was the Gospel of Christ.

- He said his message divinely inspired, which meant it was “God-breathed” (2 Peter 1:20-21)
- He told Timothy that all scripture was divinely inspired and able to make the reader **“wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”** (2 Timothy 3:15-16)

1. Paul Was God’s Servant – Vs. 1 – “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ.”

The first thing Paul called himself was a servant of God.

- In this context, “servant” meant “slave” – a “bond slave,” one who served other by his own free will.
- Paul served God out of his love for Him and not his fear of Him.
- He used the same term for servant in 1 Corinthians, but it is translated “diakonos” which means “table water.”
 - “Diakonos” is the root word for “deacon.”

- He used the same term for servant in 1 Corinthians, but it is translated “huperetes” which means “under-rower” – those who served in the lower galley of the large ships.

2. Paul Was God Sent – Vs. 1- *“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called an Apostle.”*

God called Paul His Apostle, which meant Paul was a God-Sent man on a God-established mission.

- Acts 9:15 – ***“Paul is my instrument to take my message to the nations.”***
- Acts 22:14 – ***“The God of our fathers has chosen you to know His will and to see the Messiah, and to hear Him speak.”***
- The qualification of an Apostle was they had to have seen the resurrected Lord Jesus!
- Acts 26:16 – ***“Stand up, for I have appeared to you and appointed you as my servant and my witness.”***
- Acts 26:19, Paul said, ***“I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.”***
- 1 Corinthians 9:16, Paul said, ***“Woe is me if I preach not the gospel.”***
- Galatians 1:10 – Paul said, ***“The gospel which was preached by me is not after man, for I neither receive it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the divine revelation of Jesus Christ.”***

3. Paul was God Separated – Vs. 1 *“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called and Apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.”*

- In the Old Testament, God told the Israelites to set apart for Him the first-born of men and of beasts, for they were holy unto Him.
- In Galatians 1:15, Paul said God had separated him from his mother’s womb and called him to reveal His Son through him.
- In Acts 13:2, The Holy Spirit separated Paul and Barnabas as the first two missionaries.
- Paul cut the cord with the world and its lusts.

**“SHUT OUT EVERY OTHER CONSIDERATION AND KEEP YOURSELF BEFORE GOD FOR THIS ONE
THING ONLY—MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST.”
—OSWALD CHAMBERS**
