

Week 2 - Wednesday, August 24
ST. PAUL: APOSTLE TO THE WORD
with Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

An Untimely Apostle: Paul's Mission and Vision

Readings: Journey 1: Acts 13-14, Journey 2: Acts 15:36--18:22, Journey 3: Acts 18:23--21:14, Journey 4?: Romans 15:28

Paul, while not one of Jesus' twelve disciples, was called to be an Apostle—a sent one. He is best known for his missionary journeys that brought the Gospel to the world. We will learn why Paul felt this calling and seek to get his vision for the world.

- I. Review
- II. Opening Reflection
- III. What is an Apostle?
 - A. Acts 1:6-11
 - B. 1 Corinthians 15:3-9
- IV. Missionary Journey to Arabia?
- V. First Missionary Journey through Asia Minor--Acts 13-14
- VI. Second Missionary to Macedonia--Acts 15:36-18:22
- VII. Third Missionary Journey--Acts 18:23-21:14
- VIII. Missionary Journey to Rome
- IX. Missionary Journey to Spain?--Romans 15:24
- X. What does it mean for the church to be apostolic?
- XI. *missio Dei* —David J. Bosch says, “mission is not primarily an activity of the church, but an attribute of God. God is a missionary God.”^[6] Jurgen Moltmann says, “It is not the church that has a mission of salvation to fulfill in the world; it is the mission of the Son and the Spirit through the Father that includes the church.”^[7]
- XII. How can we recover our Apostolic ministry?
- XIII. How can we experience this same conversion?
- XIV. Closing Reflection

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
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