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Lesson Text: Acts 9, I Cor 15:9-10, Gal 1:1 and Eph 1:3-5, & 6:13-18

**BEING CALLED INTO THE MINISTRY**

1. **Paul's Conversion**
  - a. It was like Abraham's conversion when God changed his name Gen 17:5
  - b. On his road to Damascus, Paul met Jesus Acts 9:5
  - c. Paul is telling the believer's that God delivered him from his old life and that God can do the same for them Col 3:9
  - d. When you become born again, there is some new recognition about you in heaven Luke 15:7
  
2. **Paul's Training For The Gospel**
  - a. Paul studied under Gamaliel Acts 5:34
  - b. Gamaliel was a doctor of the Law Ref L
  - c. Gamaliel was well-studied being a teacher of the Law Acts 22:3
  
3. **God Gave Paul A New Name**
  - a. Paul's old name was previously Saul Acts 9:4
  - b. Paul's old name and past was infamous, he was a persecutor Acts 8:1-3
  - c. Paul's old reputation was associated to his old name Acts 22:3-5
  - d. His old name & reputation had a negative connotation
  - e. Paul is the new name that God gave Paul Acts 13:13
  - f. God does not want to refer to Paul by his old name any longer Acts 13:13
  - g. God seemed to not like Paul's old name, when Paul was in darkness he was irrelevant to God
  - h. The name Saul brought a lot of fear to the church Acts 8:3
  - i. That is what it means to be born again, to have a new name 2 Cor 5:17
  - j. The new name is associated with the new life
  
4. **Paul's Holy Calling**
  - a. When God calls someone, He knows who He is calling and why He is calling them
  - b. Paul was called to be an Apostle by the will of God Eph 1:1
    - i. Called to an Apostle by God the Father Gal 1:1
  - c. God called Paul because He knew that Paul was going to meet the requirements
  - d. Paul could speak multiple languages
  - e. Paul was a prolific writer and wrote 14 epistles of the bible



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- f. Paul was born out of due time I Cor 15:9-10
5. **God Has Also Called Us Into The Ministry**
- a. Fill in the blanks, I am a \_\_\_\_\_ called by Jesus Christ, Gal 1:1  
(state your calling, position or title)  
and God the Father, who raised him from the dead
- b. The best confession pertaining to your calling is to say that you have been called by Jesus Christ and God the Father
- c. You will start walking in your calling more effectively
- d. Walk in the understanding of what you believe in the Lord 2 Cor 5:17
- e. Walk, believe, and flow in that
6. **Paul's Persecution For Preaching The Gospel**
- a. The Apostles gave him the right hand of fellowship to preach the gospel to the Gentiles Gal 2:9
- b. The unbelieving Jews were going around trying to discredit Paul and stir up cities against him Acts 14:2
- c. When Paul was with the unbelieving Jews, he persecuted the church in his old life Acts 8:1-3
- d. Now the same unbelieving Jews that he used to associate with, turned against him
7. **Jesus, the Author & Finisher of Our Faith**
- a. Jesus was God's only Son who partook of flesh and blood on the earth, the Gnostics were trying to overthrow this fact Heb 2:14
- b. Jesus told the people that God was His Father & he came down from heaven John 6:38
- c. Jesus did everything according to His Father's will John 8:29
- d. Rarely did God speak in an audible voice to Jesus
- e. Jesus was led by the Spirit
- f. God gave Jesus the Spirit without measure John 3:34
- g. Jesus is our example of how bishops, elders, preachers, and teachers are supposed to allow the Holy Spirit to lead them and guide them
- h. If we live in the Spirit, we should walk in the Spirit Gal 5:25
- i. We need to pray for the Spirit of wisdom & revelation Eph 1:17
- j. This will help us to be led by the Spirit in our MINISTRY



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- 8. The Top 6 Gifts of the Spirit Are The Mind Gifts & The Power Gifts**
- a. There are a total of 9 gifts of the Spirit I Cor 12:7-10
  - b. Jesus operated in all 9 gifts of the Spirit
  - c. **The Power Gifts-** This gift operates by the revelation of the Spirit speaking to you
    - i. Gift of Faith- Jesus told the disciples to have faith in God Faith is also the supernatural ability to believe God w/out doubting Mk 11:22
    - ii. The gifts of healing & The working of miracles
  - d. **The Mind Gifts**
    - i. The word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and the discerning of Spirits
  - e. You not only need the vocal gifts but, you need the mind & power gifts because, we see that Jesus seem to be operating in the mind gifts and the power gifts
  - f. There are spiritual blessings, heavenly places in Christ, in the church Eph 1:3
- 9. God Has Seated Us In Heavenly Places (The Church)**
- a. God gave Jesus to be the head over all things to the church Eph 1:20-23
  - b. We do not fight against other people in the realm of flesh and blood Eph 6:12
  - c. Spiritual wickedness in high places vs heavenly are all in the spiritual realm Eph 6:13
  - d. Principalities and powers have control over all the unregenerated Eph 6:13
  - e. It was those principalities and powers that causes the unregenerated to sin
  - f. The Holy Ghost is the doer of the work, in the heavenly places Eph 1:3
  - g. The Holy Ghost is the power of the highest Luke 1:35
  - h. God's power sets us free from principalities, powers, & spiritual wickedness in high places. God does this through the power of the highest Eph 6:13-18
  - i. You are no longer in the flesh but, in the Spirit Rom 8:9
  - j. You can cast out evil spirits because, they no longer have control and power over you I John 4:4
  - k. In God we live, move, and have our being Acts 17:28