

Chapter 29

Paul's Mission



I. The church is the body of Christ in the world.

“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up open whole body. So it is with the Body of Christ.Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says,...



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I am not part of the body because I am not a hand, that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye, would that make it any...



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less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how would you heart?.....But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he want it.” 1 Corinthians 12:14-16



The Church in Corinth had Problems:

- **a temple had been built to honor Aphrodite; 1000 women worked in that church as prostitutes.**



•they were consumed with pleasure, sin, drunkenness.

•it was a church that was divided with at least 4 different groups competing for leadership.



•some said they lived under grace and because of that they could do whatever they wanted.

•they were also consumed with pride.



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A. Assembled together the church is Jesus, and we are to think like Jesus, act like Jesus and love others like Jesus loves them.



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B. The church is commissioned to go into all the world as witnesses to Jesus.



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



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C. God wants all people in the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.



**“For I am not ashamed of this
Good News about Christ. It is the
power of God at work, saving
everyone who believes.”**

Romans 1:16



THE STORY

II. God raised up a point leader to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, Paul.

Saul of Tarsus was an unlikely candidate to become the world's first and most renown missionary.
Acts 9



“Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord’s followers. So he went to the high priest. He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of followers of the Way he found there...



“He wanted to bring them – both men and women – back to Jerusalem in chains. As He was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. HE fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,...



“Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?” Who are you, Lord? Saul asked. And the voice replied, I am Jesus the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

Acts 9:1-5



THE STORY

Saul

1) Very religious

2) Rich heritage

3) Well educated



Saul

4) Ambitious

5) Full of bitterness and hatred

6) A man of loyalty



2. Even Saul, who became Paul, was amazed that Jesus chose him as a missionary to the ends of the earth.



“For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I’m not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God’s church.” 1 Corinthians 15:9

