

I CORINTHIANS | "PAUL & THE CHURCHES OF GOD" | THE CHURCHES OF GOD | LESSON 1I) INTRO/REVIEW:

① Paul's Apostleship

② To whom

③ When he became an apostle (born out of due time)

④ Separate from the 12

- Similarities (apostle, message, resurrection, sent)
- Differences (message, sent to whom)

II) PREVIEW:

① The Churches of God

② Defining "church" of God

③ God's Electing Judgment

III) SERMON:

① The Churches of God

- Acts 20:28 (Paul's ministry)
- 1 Cor. 1:2 (Paul's ministry)
 - 10:32, 11:22, 2 Cor. 1:1
- 1 Cor. 15:9 (before Paul's ministry)
- Gal. 1:13 (before Paul's ministry)
- 1 Tim. 3:5 (Paul's ministry)
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• "ekklesia" - calling out, gathering together (assembly) [1 Cor. 1:2, Rom. 1:5-6]

- Acts 7:38

- Acts 8:1,3

• Identifiers to help us to understand what church

- church at or in Jerusalem

- church at Antioch

- church of Thessalonians

• Yet, "church" doesn't explain any distinction between them, if there is any difference

• Worse, we can end up confusing "churches" and composed ^{doctrines from} misunderstanding

• How to identify a church:

- ① View the origin
 - ② Examine its purpose
 - ③ Know God's election
- } Understand context

• Now we have already seen Paul is a unique apostle, but we haven't really answered why?

• We have defined "church" and that didn't give us an answer and we shouldn't surmise that sense there was a church before Paul and a church from Paul's ministry that:

- ① Paul is speaking to the church that was established before his ministry, or
- ② Paul is adding to the church that was before him

• "Church" just describes "called out" "gathering together"

• In fact, by Paul's apostleship we could properly deduce a difference, but why?

① View origin

② The Church Before Paul

• Matt 16:13-19

• build my church

③ Purpose

• keys of the kingdom of heaven (Dan. 2; Gen. 1) / Luke 12:32

④ Election

• Rom. 15: 8-12 (Matt. 12:21) (Isa. 11:10 49:6)

↳ little flock, remnant, church from the church of Israel, Israel of God

• Rom. 9:6

↳ God's plan with Israel & the earth

• All of this is the matter of prophecy (Acts 3:19-21; Luke 1:67-70 71ff)

⑤ Purpose

Paul, preached Christ according to the mystery (Rom. 16:25)

THE CHURCHES OF GOD

Longsuffering
Reconciled the World

The Church Before Paul

The Twelve Apostles

Prophecy

Kingdom of Heaven on Earth

- Israel Rise / Gentiles through Israel
- Church out of Israel (Kingdom Church)

The Church After Paul

Paul (1 Apostle)

Mystery

Not Kingdom of Heaven on Earth

- Israel's Fall / Gentiles & Israel One
- Church out of Nations (Jew & Gentile)