

Missionaries – Part 12

Paul: Mission and Message

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Missionaries. Our topic today: Paul: mission and message.

Scripture Theme Song: “You are a Chosen Generation” (1 Peter 2:9)

- 1) The unique contribution of the apostle Paul to missions
 - a) Well-trained in Judaism – Phil. 3:5-6
 - b) Personal encounter with Jesus and revelations from Him –
 - i) Acts 9:3-6
 - ii) Acts 26:16
 - iii) 1 Cor. 11:23
 - iv) 1 Cor. 15:3-4
 - v) 1 Thessalonians 4:15
 - vi) 2 Cor. 12:1,7
 - vii) Gal. 1:11-18
 - c) Wrote 13 letters under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to church leaders and church members that were recognized as Scripture – 2 Pet. 3:14-16
- 2) Mission to Jews and Greeks
 - a) 1 Cor. 1:22-24 – What important lesson can we learn from Paul about ministry to different people groups?
 - i) To Jews: Acts 13:14-17 (15+ references to the Hebrew Scriptures)
 - ii) To Greeks: Acts 17:22-28
 - (1) Illustrations about Athletes and Soldiers
 - (a) Athletes
 - (i) 1 Cor. 9:24-27
 - (ii) 1 Tim. 6:12
 - (2) Soldiers
 - (a) 2 Cor. 10:4-5
 - (b) Eph. 6:10-18
 - (c) 2 Tim 2:3-5 (both soldiers and athletes)
 - b) What can we learn from Paul’s choice of illustrations when sharing the Gospel? 1 Cor. 9:20-22
 - 3) Paul’s attitude toward the law
 - a) Phil. 3:6 (old life)
 - b) Gal. 3:20-21 (new life); Gal. 6:14-15; Eph. 2:8-9.
 - c) Paul’s attitudes towards the Ten Commandments
 - i) Rom. 3:27-31
 - ii) Rom. 7:12
 - iii) Reflecting the teaching of Jesus: Matt.5:17-19
 - 4) Paul’s teaching on the cross of Christ
 - a) 1 Cor. 2:2
 - b) 1 Cor. 15:12-22
 - c) 1 Tim. 1:15-17
 - d) Gal. 6:14
 - 5) God uses an imperfect missionary to fulfill His mission
 - a) Acts 15:38-41
 - b) 1 Tim. 1:15
 - c) 1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 12:9-10
 - d) Think of some other well-known examples of imperfect people who were involved in mission work. What important lesson can we learn?