

YOU AND GOD

Fundamentals of a Very Personal, Meaningful and
Productive Relationship with God

Fundamental 5

The Great Leader

Whom are we to follow and obey? Anyone and everyone in the Bible? Or not? Paul is *our* Apostle!

PART 7

“Little Paul Cult”

- 24% of the NT, 48% of the NT books
- What we're told by Paul
 - 3x “Be followers of me...as I am of Christ”
 - 4x “Dispensation”
 - 17x “Mystery”
 - 30x “Gentiles”, 374x “Nations”, 13x

“Uncircum.”

- I Tim. 1:15-16 “First member of the Body, and a pattern”
- 2 Tim. 2:2 “Things you have heard of ME...”

- What we observe about Paul
 - At his conversion: Not self-appointed; Not appointed by man - Acts 9:1-16
 - I Co. 15:9 - Least of the apostles
 - Eph. 3:8 - Least of all saints
 - I Tim. 1:15 - Chief (prototype) of sinners
 - Philippians 3:1-10 - No self-righteousness;
Total focus on Christ
 - Romans 1:1/Philippians 1:1 - Slave of Jesus Christ
 - Philippians 2:1-8 - Love

Distinct apostleship, not the 13th, or Judas' replacement

- Qualifications in Acts 1:15-26
 - 1) Numbered among the 12 - 1:17, 26
 - 2) He had to have part in their ministry while Christ was on earth - 1:17
 - 3) Peter's quote of Psalm 69:25; 109:8 - 1:20
 - 4) A witness from John the Baptist through the ascension - 1:21-22
 - 5) A witness of the resurrection - 1:22
- Paul did not meet all these qualifications
- Peter not impulsive, rebellious or arrogant
- Acts 1 & 2 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit

- Therefore, Paul is distinct from the 12
- They will govern 12 tribes on earth
- Paul is the HH Manager of the Body of Christ, which will rule with Christ in the heavenly realm
- The 12 were referred to as apostles of the circumcision, Paul of the uncircumcision
Galatians 2:1-9
- 2 Timothy 1:11