

CHAPTER 18

SAUL (PAUL) WAS SAVED AND BECAME THE APOSTLE TO THE CHURCH

Israel was temporarily set aside. God had worked with Israel from its inception from Abraham until Stephen, and now, because of unbelief, Israel was set aside. How sad! What will God do now? God began His secret plan which He purposed in His heart from before the foundation of the earth. He makes that secret plan of the Church known to Saul (Paul). Let us find out about that plan.

Describe Saul's background. Philippians 3:4-6

Who was in agreement with Stephen's murder? Acts 8:1

What did Saul do to believers in Christ? Acts 8:3; 9:1

Why did Saul want to go to Damascus? Acts 9:2

What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? Acts 9:4; 22:14

Who did Saul see? Acts 22:14

Where did the men take Saul? Acts 9:10-11

How did Saul receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 9:17

What miracle followed? Acts 9:18

What did Saul do? Acts 22:16

To whom did the Lord Jesus send Saul? Acts 9:15

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Saul's name was changed to Paul.

Why couldn't Paul stay in Jerusalem? Acts 9:22-23

Where did Paul go? Galatians 1:17

How long did Paul stay in Arabia? Galatians 1:18

While in Arabia, what did Paul receive? Ephesians 3:6-8

Who revealed the secret of the Church, the Body of Christ, to Paul? Galatians 1:12

Did Paul receive this new gospel from Peter? Galatians 1:12

Who did Paul say he was? 1 Timothy 2:7

a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

Who commissioned Paul to be an apostle? 2 Timothy 1:1

Why was Paul sent to the Gentiles to proclaim the Church? Romans 11:14

LIFE APPLICATION

Have you ever noticed that the words Jesus spoke in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are often printed in red? Publishers often use red ink to print the words of the Lord Jesus in the Bible because they recognize that Jesus' words are important. Many people consider that the words in red are the most important part of the Bible, but did you know that the Lord Jesus Christ continued to speak after His ascension? He spoke to the apostle Paul and told him the message of the Church. Paul wrote down those words which are the thirteen Epistles, Romans through Philemon. Read: Galatians 1:12; 2 Corinthians 12:1-4. Have you ever thought that the Epistles are Jesus Christ's words too and that they are Christ's love letter to you today?

REMEMBER THESE POINTS

- (1) God commissioned Paul to be the apostle to the Church. 1 Timothy 1:1**
- (2) Paul received the message of the Church, the Body of Christ, from the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:12**
- (3) Paul did not receive this message of the Church from Peter. Galatians 1:12**
- (4) Salvation is by grace through faith, not of works, and is offered to the world. Romans 11:15; Ephesians 2:8-9**