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Paul's Great Debt

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BOORUM & PEASE "NOTES"

1. *Questions on back.* PAUL'S GREAT DEBT
2. Romans 1:13-18*

INT: PAUL: second only to Christ in good living, dedicated life, faith in God, trust in God's providence and amt. work done!!!
REASON: Rom. 1:14. I Cor. 9:16. A. 20:22-25*
Paul paid: From Demascus to Roman grave, A9:15
Apostle felt unworthy and insecure until he paid his debt. I Cor. 15:9. Peace: v. 10.*

I. CAUSE OF PAUL'S DEBT.

- A. Headed for the top in Jewish leadership. Gal. 1:14. Acts 22:3. Future bright in: **Political power/ Economic gain/ Religious leadership/and Personal satisfaction/**
 - B. Zealous for God according to his own best understanding. Acts 7:58, 8:3, 22:4.
 - C. Making terrible mistake. Acts 26:9-11.*
 - D. When and if he found he was wrong, what could he possibly do to make up for it???
- CAUSE: Ignorance & sin.**

II. PAUL AWAKENED TO HIS DEBT.

- A. Challenged on road to Demascus. A. 9:1-8.
- B. Three days of deep sorrow, regret and uncertainty. Will I be forgiven? Can they?
 - 1. Ananias was afraid of him. Acts 9:13-14
 - 2. Jer. Christians afraid of him. 9:26.**Ill. Felt like naughty little boy in the presence of family, relatives and spec. guests. "Wont somebody forgive me?"**
- C. Lord forgave him and commissioned him to the world's greatest task. A. 26:16-19.*
RESULTS: Deep urge to tell the world!
Note: Every forgiven-born-again Christian also has a debt. How much feel it?

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III. TO WHOM DID PAUL PAY THIS DEBT?

- A. Debt to God? Already paid. Acts 2:38. 22:16
 - B. Debt to Jesus? Already paid. Acts 9:8.
 - C. Debt to Stephen? Yes! Assume his role.
 - D. Debtor to all men: I Cor. 9:19-23*.
- QUESTION: Do we feel a particular debt???

IV. DID PAUL EVER COMPLETELY PAY HIS DEBT IN FULL?

- A. Said he did! Acts 20:26-27.
- B. Ready & eager to die! II Tim. 4:6-8. AD66 AD 64 Phil. 1:21-26* Very ready.

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INV: ONE DEBT PAUL COULD NOT PAY? WHAT WAS IT?

Ans: For his own sins. I John 2:1-2.

Jesus died for him! He was grateful. Proved gratitude by obed. & service!!!!

Ill. Like: Prize fighter-gambler. Long list of sins. Knt. 289 Scotchman. Speaker. "Guilty to all." Freed!!!

ONE DEBT NONE OF US CAN PAY EITHER: ?

Ans. For our sins. Rom. 3:23, 6:23.

Jesus paid it all!!!

We owe Him the debt of gratitude, obedience and service to others.

COME: Obey the gospel.

Rededicate a once selfish life.

Identify.



1. How grateful someone taught you the truth of N.T.? / Saved?

2. What doing as a result of this sense of appreciation. /

3. Ever forget your blessings and let up in Chr. duty? /

4. What take to keep us faithful + steady in our Christian service? /

ans. "Remember" !

Joint Every blessing!!!

Elder Father
Brother Mother
Parents

wife Husband
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