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HOW WOULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF?

Romans 1:1

I. Just how would you tell someone who you are?

A. Write longest sentence of your life?

1. Paul did in Romans.
2. 93 words (Galations next).
3. Wrote it A.D. 60.

B. Tell them your name. Paul did!

1. Why changed to Paul?
2. Only Bible writer who discarded Jewish name for Gentile.

3. Means little.

4. Jews had 2 names. One given him in synagogue 1st Sat. after circumcision. This made him full fledged member of Congregation - called child of the covenant. Not yet a member of Israel. This only when he assumes the responsibility for his sins - Bar Mitzvah - son of the Law

C. Tell them something about yourself. Paul did.

1. Servant of Jesus Christ.

a.) Two kinds of Bible servant.

(1.) Get in debt - can't pay - sold and divided among creditors - slave for 6 yrs. - free on 7th.

Exodus 21:2-6

(2.) Like master so well stay his slave

forever. Taken to door post - hole bored in rt. lobe of ear big enough

to be seen front and back - never sold - stay forever with Master.

b.) Above was bond slave - he becomes one of Jesus.

(1.) Oddly this bondage gave freedom - from fear, sin, guilt.

(2.) Released from self.

(3.) Voluntarily choose the most abject form of slavery.

(4.) We do not choose our type of work - Jesus Master.

(5.) Remeber we volunteered

c.) Lessons:

(1.) Paul's life had aim - Service!

(2.) His trust proven in his activity.

(3.) In empire there were slaves of the Emperor - position of honor - do we so view our slavery.

d.) Note of Jesus Christ.

2. Called *1 Cor 1:1 Gal 1:1 15-16*

a.) Received apostleship.

b.) Not compelled but impelled.

c.) Didn't presumptuously become an apostle because he so chose but was called.

d.) To be called is to be given an assignment - "I called the Dr." OR LAWYER

e.) In God's order service procedes apostlehsip.

f.) His credentials.

3. Apostle

a.) One sent.

b.) Highest office.

- c.) Has a mission
- d.) Represents another, carried credentials.
- 4. Separated to Gospel *Acts 13:2*
9:15
 - a.) Set apart.
 - b.) Commission, Consecration, concentration.
 - c.) Gospel
 - (1.) Of God - 59X in Romans
 - (2.) Formerly promised.
 - (3.) Three prophets.
 - (4.) Promised in scripture.
 - d.) About the gospel.
 - (1.) Of God in origin, not men.
 - (2.) Greatest opponent now chief exponent of Gospel.
 - (3.) Persons feed in Jesus (Jesus not in pasture as others are when they die)
 - (4.) Good news.
 - (5.) As old as prophesy.
 - (6.) Paul uses Gospel more than all others - 4X as much.
 - (7.) Promised - not a novel thing.
 - (8.) Concerned with Jesus - sum & substance.
- e.) Significance of Promised.
 - (1.) Promised - Paul is not introducing something new.
 - (2.) The OT is the promise of the New.
 - (3.) The NT is the accomplishment of the OLD.
 - (4.) He's in agreement with the prophet - not their enemy.
 - (5.) Jews said Paul preached different gospel to Jesus - he went world wide.

He denies it by saying it was promised afore.

(6.) God speaks in the inspired scripture.

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PAUL PRAYER FOR 3 WHATS: WHAT ARE YOUR
WHATTS Eph. 1:17-20

- I. No man is more honest than when he prays.
 - A. The Ephesian faith in Jesus & love for the saints moved Paul to pray.
 - B. He sought to enlarge still further their spiritual power.

1. That God would give the spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of him.

2. And that they may know 3 whats:

- (a) Hope of His calling.

- (b) Riches of the glory of his inheritance.

- (c) What is the exceeding greatness of his power.

3. Purpose of this lesson is to examine the 3 whats.

II. That ye may know:

- A. What is the hope of his calling.

1. Bell called hope man's most bracing tonic.

2. God cares about the destiny of men. *in those that hope in his mercy*

Ps. 147:11 "The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear

Isa. 62:2 "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness

3. H. G. Wells wrote, "Man who began in a cave behind a windbreak will end in the diseased soaked ruins of a slum." *1 Pet 1:3 Begotten - lively hope*

4. But we have a hope of righteousness - to be a transformed moral character now!

5. "Hope is an anchor *of the soul both sure & steadfast*" *Heb 6:19*

6. It's "laid up in Heaven."

1 Jn. 3:1-3 "Behold, what manner of love the Father

7. We are "saved by hope." *Heb 1 Cor 13:13*

- B. What the Riches of the glory of his inheritance in the Saints.

1. The church is God's true Israel & is most meaningful to him.

2. God has a precious heritage - purchased at awful cost.

3. Note God's inheritance is w/i the saints; church is important - it's the saved! That's where God puts them.

Acts 2:47 "Praising God, *And the Lord added to the Church* and having favour with all t

4. Riches of the church is not material wealth but men who work for God (Do you resent it if W.E. called wealthy?)

5. Church is special possession of God.

6. Dorothy Puckett showed us the old family organ at Lakin, Kan. & told us how she cried when she thot Geo.town school would get it & destroy it.

7. The origin; influence & destiny of church makes it precious.

8. Church God's chosen to show forth His glory.

C. What is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe.

1. We have a very hi standard and must have special power to reach it. (They told story of how old trains would spin climbing Pike's Peak - dead man's curve as fireman would either work himself to death or play dead. Get more steam & start again as they slipped back to lower pull.)

2. Men who abide in Christ not to be defeated.

Rom. 14:4 "Who art thou that judgest another man's se

Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which st

3. Power is "exceeding greatness" = beyond measure
a "throwing beyond."

4. "Working" from same word we get energy.

5. 4 strong words: (do'-nay-mus)

Power = dunames. = dynamic, dynamite

Working = energeia. = en-er-gee'-zh

Mighty - Kratos. = Crai'-toss

Power - ischuos = is-choo'-oss (Great strength)

6. Same power that raised Jesus is active in your
life as a Chr. (V20)

(a) Resurrection proves man's evil can't stop plan,
power & greatness of God's purposes.

(b) How much power did it take to take the
mutilated, disgraced, dead body of Christ &
raise it to heaven's throne - same power is yours

(c) How much strength does God give you in daily
living?

7. Erdman, "He who controls the universe, supplying
all its needs & prevailing it with his presence &
power, filling all in all, he it is who controls his
church & fills & penetrates it c his life!"

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