

Paul: The Unlikely Apostle

1 Corinthians 15: 8-10a

1.) Paul: The Last of the Apostles (v. 8)

"...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Matthew 11: 28-30

2.) Paul: The Least of the Apostles (v.9)

"For I consider myself not in the least inferior to the most eminent apostles."

2 Corinthians 11:5

"I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody."

2 Corinthians 12:11

"...of which [the gospel] I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. To me, the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ..."

Ephesians 3:7-8

3.) Paul: An Apostle by the Grace of God (v. 10)

Application:

- 1.) Do you sometimes feel like you just don't measure up when you compare yourself to other believers?

- 2.) How severe do you see your sin? Is it a big deal, or are there people that are worse than you?

- 3.) Do you see yourself as truly saved by grace alone?