

Such as Paul Was

Acts 26:28, 29

Introduction:

- A. Paul confidence in his position.
 - 1. Wanted the same for everyone
 - 2. Nothing self-righteous in this.
- B. Paul's own words tell us three important facts about "such as Paul was."

Discussion:

I. What He Was That All Should Be.

- A. A Christian (v. 28)
- B. Child of God (Rom 8:16, 17)
- C. Member of the church/kingdom (Rom. 12:5; Col. 1:13)
- D. A saved person (1 Cor. 1:18)
- E. All should be same (Eph. 1:16; 4:4; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Cor. 4:17)

II. How He Became Such.

- A. In his own words:
 - 1. By Grace (1 Cor. 15:10).
 - 2. By Faith (Gal. 3:24, 26).
 - 3. By Repentance (cf. 1 Cor. 15:9)
 - 4. By Baptism (Rom. 6:3,4; 1 Cor. 12:13).
- B. Luke record (Acts 9:18; 22:16).
- C. Met terms of Great Commission (Mark 16:15,16; Luke 24:47).

III. His Benefit from Being Such.

- A. All spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3)
- B. Hope to anchor the soul (Heb. 6:18,19).
- C. Confidence in death (1 Cor. 15:55; Phil. 1:21,24; 2 Tim 4:6-8).

Conclusion:

- D. Are you something other than what Paul was? (Cf. Gal. 6-9).
- A. Are you "such as Paul was?" — you can be.