

**Introduction and Review...**

**I. The Author...**

**A. Saul (wanted or desired or asked for) vs. Paul (little)**

**B. By grace he became significant...** Acts 13:1ff; 21:13-14; 28:31; II Corinthians 5:14ff

**Observation:** He believed in “worm theology...” An Apostle (note its not Paul The Apostle but Paul an Apostle...)

An apostle is simply one sent out... think of messenger...

1. Jesus in *Hebrews 3:1 cf. John 17:3*
2. A messenger of the church... *Philippians 2:25; II Corinthians 8:23*
3. The highest office set in the church... *Ephesians 4:11ff; I Corinthians 12:28*
4. Consider Paul's special calling and commission... *I Corinthians 15:58; Acts 26:12-18; I Corinthians 9:1-2*

**C. An Apostle of “Christ Jesus...”**

**Question:** Why is this important?

**D. By the Will of God...**

**II. The Recipients of the Letter...**

**A. Their Spiritual Status... “Saints...”**

*I Corinthians 1:1-2; II Corinthians 1:1; Romans 1:1-7; Philippians 1:1*

**Lesson:** Saints are people who have been saved...

**B. Their Spiritual Location... “In Christ...”**

**Lesson:** Christians are people whose entire lives are bound up with Christ...

**C. Their Spiritual Activity... “They are faithful...”**

1. The emphasis is upon faith—belief to the saving of their souls...
2. Their faith in Christ made them faithful...

**III. The Blessings Proclaimed...**

**A. Grace...**

**B. Peace...**

**Application:**