

## **Part 3 Paul's Progression from a Pharisee. Taking our place in the Kingdom now**

By the time Paul had wrote to Timothy, he had understood why God used him. Having been a Pharisee of the most religious sect, witnessing the death of Stephen, and a persecutor of the people of "The Way".

According to his own words to Timothy he says "For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." And that "I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor (of believer's), and an <sup>[d]</sup>insolent man; and that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am **chief**, meaning a **prototype** (**chief originally from the Greek is "protos" and more accurately translated "prototype"**).

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Paul goes on to say <sup>16</sup> However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that **in me first Jesus Christ would show all longsuffering, as a pattern (or progression) to all who would believe.** Presumably us, and all who track him through his journey from being an enemy of God, to being a Saint.

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Paul was in transit from being a son of Satan, to being "a fellow citizen, saint and member of the household of God having been built upon the foundation of the Apostles and the prophets Jesus Christ the Chief cornerstone." A kingdom that takes no form to appease the human senses. You see Paul use to defend the old religious order of a physical Jerusalem . From this he needed transformed. And so we do, and so will you if you follow through Paul's steps.

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It's kind of strange that Paul would use the phrase, having been built upon the foundation of the Apostles, because he became one of the foundation stones as being an Apostle. He was a foundation stone upon which we stand.

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He was the 12th born in his own time, as one who has seen the Lord not in human form but in his original, always new form that never fades or ages. Like what we get. Like Paul said "we are newly created in Christ, old things have past away, all things become new". If we have "put off the old man" which is not the flesh, but the deeds if the flesh carried about by it's carnal persuasions. ( Colossians 3) This is another concept from Paul's mature Epistles.

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Paul in an earlier Epistle said "I reach out to lay hold of why Christ laid hold of me". His task was obtained. And Christ's purpose in Paul is that through his Epistles we can track his journey to arrive at the same place, and fulfill scripture that says "coming to Him as living stones, built up a spiritual house". Of something that supercedes the building blocks familiar to human senses.

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This is what qualified Paul to be the twelfth apostle. The works that Christ worked in him when He said to Paul "for this reason I have appeared to you, for you to testify of the things you have seen, and the things I have yet to show you. God had completed that task and his sojournship by the time Paul had confessed his new citezineship of "having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets prophets with Christ the Chief cornerstone. He stood on his own works.

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With these truths in mind, it stands to reason that we would walk upon his works. Paul made some inaccurate accertations in his earlier Epistles, but they were mended along the way, for "no other foundation can anyone lay but what Christ laid". And "if anyone builds upon these works, presumably us, they shall receive a reward."

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So when Christ said "greater works shall you do because I go to the Father". Christ the Chief cornerstone had to be set in place, along with the foundation upon which we stand, we now build upon these works and fulfill Christ's words that "greater works shall ye do". Why? Because we have a place to do it. In **spirit and truth**.

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Christ spoke to the Samaritan lady at the well and said "the time that is coming is already here when you will not in Samaria, or Jerusalem worship the Father. For the Father **is Spirit and truth** and seeketh such". This is God's Kingdom and the place of our citizenship, the affections of our hearts.

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Store not up your treasures on earth where they corrode and are stolen, but store up your treasures in Heaven on that foundation, where they remain in their undiminshable eternal Glory. Where your heart is, so is your treasure.

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It is not as though we are building something that didn't previously exist though, because we cannot add to or take away of the things of God. Gods things are forever new. The building project that takes place is in the spirit of our minds. This is the place God replicates Himself. They just become new for us in that we hadn't experienced them before.

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The mind is a place for information, and the mind that has been expanded to house the Holy Spirit is far greater than the expanse above the earth because even an ounce of eternity far exceeds all of the created realm because "The earth with all its works shall be burned for the eternal to remain". So if all we understood was an ounce, that is what you keep forever. Hopefully you receive more.

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This is our invitation too and why we can say "The Kingdom of God is at hand" just as much today as when Christ first said it.

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You see this invitation was never retracted. The blood of Christ through the eternal spirit was sufficient to deliver our Heavenly goods. Our full inheritance is in effect. We are in the New Covenant, there will not be a 3rd Covenant. And no the old wine is not better, and you cannot mingle the two.

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