

Appreciating the Apostle Paul's Letters

Course Description:

Good pleasure, Purpose, Economy, Body of Christ, Propitiation, Transformation – Just a sample of terms found only in the Apostle Paul's letters to the churches. Why did Paul craft specific phraseology to express his burden and teaching? Was Paul merely a skilled wordsmith or was his unique spiritual vocabulary necessary to describe his vision to the saints? In this class we will study some of these words in the Apostle's writings.

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Time: Saturdays 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Class Size: No limit

Syllabus (week-by-week):

1. Introduction to Paul's profound vocabulary
2. Good pleasure – Used in our Lord's prayer, adopted by Paul
3. Body of Christ – The best metaphor describing God's church
4. Economy – A word Jesus was fond of using in His parables, adopted by Paul to describe God's work
5. Purpose – emphasizing God's determination and goal
6. Predestination – An eternal view of a believer's destiny
7. Propitiation – Using Yom Kippur to describe Christ's redemptive work
8. Reconciliation – Expressing change in our relationship with Christ
9. Transformation, conformation, renewed – Words expressing change in a believer's constitution