

SS Class: Paul's Testimony

Introduction I Peter 3:13-17

- I. Salutation (1:1-2)
- II. Motivation for Service (1:3-20)
 - A. Proper Teaching—Timothy's Task
 - B. Paul's Testimony
 1. He thanks Christ Jesus for strength to serve (12-13)
 - a. The one who has been strengthening me.
 - b. Because he has considered me faithful.
 - 1.) Having placed me into service--conversion
 - 2.) Even though I was formerly—pre-conversion.
 - a.)
 - b.)
 - c.)
 2. He was shown mercy because of ignorance in unbelief (13)
 3. He was given grace that superabounded in Christ Jesus (14)
 - a. With the faith which is found in Christ Jesus.
 - b. With the love which is found in Christ Jesus.
 4. He was saved as first/chief sinner—a trustworthy statement (15)
 - a. Deserving full acceptance
 - b. That Christ Jesus came into the world to sinners sinners.
 - c. Among whom I myself am first/chief.
 5. He received mercy as an example for all who would believe
 - a. Yet for this reason
 - b. So that in me as first/chief/foremost
 - 1.) Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience
 - 2.) As an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life
 6. He praises God: to the king (be) honor and glory forever and ever.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

Applications:

We should be thankful for God's work in and through us/His strengthening us.

We should not use the past for an excuse not to serve in the present.

We should thank god for His mercy and grace to us when we were unbelievers.

We should remember Christ came into the world to save sinners including us.

We should acknowledge the mercy shown to us is an example to others that they may believe.

We should praise God for who He is.

2 other examples of Paul's Testimony

Acts 22

Before _____	22:3-5
C _____	22:6-10
After _____	22:11-21

Acts 26

Before _____	26:4-11
C _____	26:12-18
After _____	26:19-23

Personal Testimony

Before C

C

After C