

The Message Notes

The Charge: Salutation of an Elder (Ordination)



TEXT: Romans 1:1. (ESV) Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God.

TALK:

Introduction: Process of Eldership

1. _____ call – you heard the **inward** call of God to **separate** yourself from the **separated**
2. _____ for ministry – your private call has been **known** and **seen** by the church thru your **qualifications**:
 - a) spiritual maturity (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
 - b) schooling – formal and informal (Ephesians 4:12)
 - c) support in the ministry (1 Corinthians 4:17)
 - d) skills of the ministry (2 Timothy 4:5)
3. _____ consecration – now the church **affirms** your **private** call and your **preparation** through a **public** consecration. Reference: Numbers 27:18

The Message: The **salutation** of Paul to the **Roman** believers – is a **revelation** of how you should view your **ordination** of unto the **office of Elder**:

Romans 1:1. (ESV) Paul, a **servant** of Christ Jesus, **called** to be an apostle, **set apart** for the gospel of God.

1. _____ of Jesus Christ – “mindset of an Elder – a slave”
 - a) Bought with His blood (Ephesians 1:7)
 - b) Set aside your privileges (Philippians 2:5-7)
 - c) Glorify Him with your life (Philippians 1:20)

Ponder: “Promotion in Christ is the **demotion** of self-importance.”

2. _____ to be an Apostle (Elder) – “service of an Elder”
 - a) Vocation (divine) not an occupation (career)
 - b) Preordained and not random (thought out-decision)
 - c) Election and effectual – you respond to it
 - d) Appointed and anointed - God makes what He calls

Service of Elders: oversee the **flock** of God (Acts 20:28):

1) Care – you teach, lay hands on the sick, counsel, pray, make sure no one is left alone, etc.

2) **Ceremonies** – you perform marriages, funerals, baptisms, dedications, etc.

3) **Cover** – you promote, preserve, and protect the institution of the church – you live the faith, and defend the faith.

3. _____ for the **gospel** – “message of an Elder”

- a) Gospel message
- b) Gospel exclusive
- c) Gospel relevance
- d) Gospel Christ-centered

➤ **Gospel message:** “Go run and tell everyone about the victory of Christ – you’re a runner for Christ.”

Mark 16:15. (ESV) And he said to them, “God into all the **world** and **proclaim** the **gospel** to the **whole creation**.”

References: 2 Corinthians 5:21, I Corinthians 15:3-4

➤ **Gospel exclusive** – “There is only **one way** to God (Jesus) but there are **many ways** to **faith** in Christ.”

John 14:6. (NLT) Jesus told him, “I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. No one can come to the Father except **through me**.”

➤ **Gospel relevance:** “How does the gospel apply to the human experience?”

Romans 3:23-24. (NLT) For everyone **has sinned**; we all **fall short** of God’s **glorious standard**. Yet God **freely** and **graciously declares** that we are righteous. He did this through **Christ Jesus** when he **freed us** from the **penalty of sin**.

“You have **one message** that all your messages **originate** from the gospel – Christ crucified.”

Acts 20:21. (NLT) I have had **one message** for **Jews** and **Greeks** alike—the **necessity** of **repenting** from sin and **turning** to God, and of having **faith** in our Lord Jesus.

Christ-centered life: Galatians 2:20. (NLT) My old self has been **crucified** with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**. So, I live in this **earthly body** by **trusting** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.