

Good News From Chardon

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Paul's Purpose

Luke's magnificent account of the storm at sea in Acts 27 is possibly intended to be more than just a thrilling chapter of Paul's life. In verses 23 and 25 we see some interesting words Paul uses that show his relationship with God and his purpose for being a Christian. Here's the relevant portions of the text: "...God to whom I belong and whom I serve...for I believe God..." Now, notice the three important words:

* Paul belonged to God (v.23). This means that Paul was a Christian. He had been baptized for the remission of sins (cf. Acts 22:16) and that put him in a relationship with God. He was a child of God and belonged to God's family.

* Paul believed God (v.25). If God told him something directly, through an angel, or through His written word, Paul believed it. He never questioned it, he simply trusted in it. If God said he would go to Rome, then he knew that he would make it to Rome, no matter what earthly calamity came. Paul trusted in and relied upon God's promises.

* Paul served God (v.23). Paul was totally dedicated to God and, as a result, served Him faithfully. Paul worshiped God. Paul prayed to God. Paul showed his love for God by active service to others.

The People's New Testament Commentary states of v.23, "This short sentence is a sermon. It is the keynote of all Paul's ministry." Paul's whole life was centered around God – believing, honoring, and serving Him.

We would do well to follow Paul's example. We need to examine our minds, hearts, and lives and see if we truly belong to God, truly believe in His word, and are truly serving in His name. We need to check and make sure that we are fully dedicated to Him and have an active relationship with Him. Living like Paul expresses here will help us make it through whatever storms of life hit.

"Therefore I urge you, imitate me." (Paul, in 1 Corinthians 4:16)

Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Doug

Opening Hymn:

26—In The Garden

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

122—There Stands A Rock

Scripture Reading: Ryan

2 Corinthians 10:7-12

Hymn:

298—Jesus Calls Us

Lord's Supper: Robert

Hymn:

266—The Love Of God

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

634—Where Will You Spend Eternity?

Closing Hymn:

507—Sowing The Seeds Of The Kingdom

Closing Prayer: Ray

Pot Luck

May 21st after worship
at Chardon Township Hall
Mentor Road
sign up at church building

CALENDAR

May 14—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

May 14—(a) Albert & Margaret

May 19—(b) Tami

May 20—(b) Jacob

May 21—Bible study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark.

May 21—Church Pot Luck

May 21—(b) Marc

May 22—(b) Barb

May 23—Ladies Bible Study

May 23—(b) Calli

May 25—(b) Rose

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Paul's Authority

2 Corinthians 10:7-12

WORD LIST

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| AUTHORITY | BOAST | BODILY |
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| CONVINCE | DEED | DESTRUCTION |
| EDIFICATION | GAVE | HIMSELF |
| LETTERS | LORD | MEASUREOUT- |
| WARD | POWERFUL | PRESENCE |
| SPEECH | TERRIFY | WEAK |
| WEIGHTY | WISE | WORD |

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PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father's health.
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel
Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery
Bonnie's grandson **Devin** study, as Bonnie travels
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**
Mary and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip recovery,
Kathy, is in Holly Hill Rehab facility, her sister and friends. Please send cards.
Linda has bronchitis. Her friend Tina's health & family. Her friend Anthony who was injured
Zarna and her family
Juanita, fell and broke her leg and is at Briar Hill room 100, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother's** breathing issue.. His friend **Riley** (age 6) with cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia.
Ray and his family. **Rebecca's** right knee injuries
Pat and her family
Ruth fell

2 Corinthians 1:-7-12

⁷ Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he *is* Christ's, even so we *are* Christ's. ⁸ For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed— ⁹ lest I seem to terrify you by letters. ¹⁰ "For *his* letters," they say, "*are* weighty and powerful, but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible." ¹¹ Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we *will* also *be* in deed when we are present. ¹² For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength—carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.

Corrie ten Boom