



Life In Christ – Called to Be a Vessel

Introduction:

The Apostle Paul introduced himself in many of his epistles as a “bondservant” to Christ. Meaning that he was so involved, and invested in his life with Christ, that nothing else mattered. He was a **vessel** used by God for the work of God. God assured Ananias in Acts 9 that Paul was called to be a **vessel** to bear the name of God to Gentiles, Kings, and to the people of Israel.

How can we consider ourselves vessels for God? Let’s consider Paul’s experience and make application to our own lives...

1. An Unclean Vessel (Acts 9:1-2).

- We all start out working against God. God used Paul, even though Paul was determined to persecute the church of God. What excuse do we have from time to time?
- God can’t use me because _____ .

2. An Empty Vessel (Acts 9:6).

- “Lord, what do You want me to do?”
- When God calls you, saves you, and redeems you, He will put a new purpose in your heart.

3. A Chosen Vessel (Acts 9:15).

- Galatians 1:15 – Chosen by grace, not by merit.

4. A Filled Vessel (2 Corinthians 4).

5. A Separated Vessel (Acts 13:2).

6. An Honored Vessel (Acts 26:16).

7. A Suffering Vessel (2 Timothy 2:11-12).