

Lesson 3

Triple Trifecta

Key passages: I Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

I Peter 4:10,11

Romans 12:5-8

Acts 2: 42-47

Intro: People in general have need for purpose, meaning, value, direction.

- **Who am I?**
- **What am I?**
- **What do I have?**
- **What do I do?**
- **Why do I do it? / Why do I exist?**
- **Where am I going? / What is my destination?**

Apostle Paul => A case study

- **Who am I?**
 - A servant of Christ Jesus
 - Romans 1:1
 - Philippians 1:1
 - Titus 1:1
 - An Apostle of Christ
 - I Corinthians 1:1
 - I Timothy 1:1
 - Galatians 1:1
 - Ephesians 1:1
- **What am I?**
 - What Godly attributes do I reflect in my daily living?
 - Galatians 5:22,23
 - Romans 5:3-5
 - Philippians 4:8
 - I Timothy 6:11,12
 - I Corinthians 13:4-8

- **What do I have?**

- Philippians 3:4-7
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 13: 1-8; I Corinthians 12:4-11
- Romans 12:6-8

- **What do I do?**

- Teacher and discipler
 - 2 Timothy 2:2
- Writer
 - 2 Peter 3:15,16
- Tent maker
 - Acts 18:1-3
 - 20:33-35
- Philosopher
 - Acts 17:16-21

- “Not only as a proficient practicalist, but also as a profound **philosopher**, the apostle Paul deserves the world's claim. A master of religious missionaries, he is also a model for reflective metaphysicians.... Paul had an unusual capacity for explanation, as well as and unique capableness for execution.

The philosophical standpoint which Paul developed is that of the idealistic tradition. The speculative ideal, which has dominated the thinking of idealists throughout the history of philosophy, vitalized his entire thought life. And he arrived at a monism in true idealistic fashion, by interpreting the one ultimate substance as spirit or person.”

-D. Luther Evans

- Traveling Missionary
 - Many biblical scholars, after studying the Apostle Paul's traveling routes, have concluded that he traveled, by foot, approximately 10,000 miles.
 - Some of the Apostle Paul's trials during these missionary journeys are described in 2 Corinthians 11: 25–27

- **Why do I do it? /Why do I exist?**

- Titus 1:1
- I Corinthians 9:19-23
- Ephesians 2:10

- **Where am I going? / What is my destination?**

- Philippians 1:21-23
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- Philippians 3:12-14
- 1 Corinthians 13

- **The Apostle Paul's triple trifacta => I Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)**

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| ○ your work | ○ Produced | ○ by faith |
| ○ your labor | ○ Prompted | ○ by love |
| ○ your endurance | ○ inspired | ○ by hope |

1 Corinthians 13:13