THE QUESTION

Did the early church accept Paul as a true apostle?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Yes. The early writers in these passages treat Paul as a true apostle, called and sent by Christ himself. Irenaeus warns that rejecting him means rejecting God's own choice, and Cyprian and Caius both call him the blessed Apostle. The only disputes came from groups the church saw as heretics.

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Rejecting Paul means rejecting God's choice

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus writes against people who would not accept Paul. He points to the story in Acts where the Lord calls Paul a chosen vessel. To turn away from Paul, he says, is to turn away from the choice God made and to cut yourself off from the apostles themselves.

1

"Therefore, those who do not accept him as a teacher, who was chosen by God to boldly carry His name to the mentioned nations, despise the choice of God and separate themselves from the apostles."

later in the same passage

"They cannot argue that Paul was not an apostle when he was chosen for this purpose; nor can they prove Luke false when he diligently proclaims the truth to us."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Paul's call came from Christ, not men

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Irenaeus repeats Paul's own words from Galatians, that his apostleship did not come from any human. He then says the same was true of the other apostles. For Irenaeus, Paul stands in the same line as the Twelve, sent by the Son and taught by the Father.

2

"Just as "Paul was an apostle, not from men, nor by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father," it was the same with the rest; the Son indeed leading them to the Father, but the Father revealing the Son to them."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Peter and Paul served the same God

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Some groups claimed that Paul alone knew the truth. Irenaeus answers from Paul's own letters. Peter was sent to the Jews and Paul to the Gentiles, but both were apostles of one God and preached one message. Paul was not a rival to the other apostles but a partner with them.

3

"Therefore, Peter was an apostle of the same God as Paul, and both preached about God and the Son of God; Peter to those of the circumcision and Paul among the Gentiles."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Cyprian says the Lord chose and sent him

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

When Cyprian teaches about the Lord's Supper, he quotes Paul as an authority. He describes Paul as chosen and sent by the Lord, and he treats what Paul handed down as the same as what the Lord commanded. That is how the church spoke of an apostle.

4

"Moreover, the blessed Apostle Paul, chosen and sent by the Lord and appointed as a preacher of the gospel truth, sets down these very things in his letter."

later in the same passage

"But if this is both commanded by the Lord, and the same thing is confirmed and handed down by His apostle, that as often as we drink, we do in remembrance of the Lord the same thing that the Lord also did, then we find that what was commanded is not observed by us unless we also do what the Lord did."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD)
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His letters were honored by the whole church

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Caius lists Paul's letters and calls him the blessed Apostle. He says even Paul's personal letters to Timothy, Titus and Philemon were held in honor by the Catholic Church and used to order church life. He also warns that some letters were forged under Paul's name, which shows how much his real letters mattered.

5

"We need to discuss these one by one, since the blessed Apostle Paul, following the pattern of his predecessor John, writes by name to no more than seven churches, in this order: first to the Corinthians, second to the Ephesians, third to the Philippians, fourth to the Colossians, fifth to the Galatians, sixth to the Thessalonians, and seventh to the Romans."

later in the same passage

"Yet these are held in honor by the Catholic Church, and are used in the ordering of church discipline."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Caius,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 200–220 AD)
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Paul was welcomed by those taught by apostles

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Tertullian answers people who used Paul against the other apostles. He admits Paul was a persecutor first, as Paul himself says. But after his change, Paul was brought into the church by believers who had received the faith from the apostles. Tertullian sees no split between Paul and the rest.

6

"It is true that he himself tells us that he was a persecutor before he became an apostle"

later in the same passage

"But the fact is this: after he had been converted from a persecutor to a preacher, he is introduced as one of the brothers to brothers, by brothers."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prescription Against Heretics* 23 (c. 196–220 AD)
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Church writings call him a fellow apostle

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

The Apostolic Constitutions are written in the voice of the Twelve. In them, Paul is named as the chosen vessel and our fellow apostle, standing with the Twelve and James. This is a later church book, not a record of a real meeting, but it shows how the church remembered Paul.

7

“Paul, the chosen vessel, our fellow apostle, is present with us, and James the bishop, and the rest of the presbyters, and the seven deacons.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 22, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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His past sin did not cancel his calling

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Origen points to Paul's own humble words. Paul knew he had once persecuted the church and said he was not worthy to be called an apostle. Yet the church still called him one. His calling rested on God's grace, not on his own past.

8

“And if they give the answer that is usually invented, that it was not Paul who persecuted, but some other person, I do not know whom, who was in Paul, and that it was not Peter who made the denial, but some other person in him, then why does Paul say, if he had not sinned, "I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God"?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 8 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages show that some groups did reject Paul or misused him, but they do not tell us who all of those groups were or how many people followed them.
- Paul was not one of the original Twelve, and these passages do not explain in detail how the church fit him alongside them.

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- The Apostolic Constitutions speak in the voice of the apostles, but they were written later and are not an eyewitness record.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 29 early Christian passages and 194 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–29, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 30–97, in Bible order), then 126 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *29 passages from 11 writers*

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 1–3*

1 *Epistle to the Magnesians* (on point 3) "the disciples were called Christians at Antioch," when Paul and Peter were laying the foundations of the Church… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Epistle to the Philadelphians* (1885 English; on point 3) "unity; avoid divisions; be ye followers of Paul, and of the rest of the apostles, even as they also were of Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* "are initiated into the mysteries of the Gospel with Paul, the holy, the martyred, the deservedly most happy, at whose feet may I be found when I shall attain to… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 4–8*

4 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 1, page 2** "again, we assert the same against those who do not recognize Paul as an apostle: they should either reject the other parts of the Gospel that we know only through… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "how could Peter have been in ignorance, to whom the Lord gave testimony, that flesh and blood had not revealed to him, but the Father, who is in heaven… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 3, page 3** "those (the Marcionites) who claim that Paul alone knew the truth and that the mystery was revealed to him by revelation, let Paul himself refute them. He says that the… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English; on point 3) "Wherefore also Paul, since he was the apostle of the Gentiles, says, "I laboured more than they all." For the instruction of the former, [viz., the Jews,] was an easy… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (on point 3) "useless, and destructive to those who participated in them. Therefore, the one who received the apostolate to the Gentiles labored more than those who preached the Son of God among… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · source 9*

9 *Stromata* 7.17 "that of the apostles, embracing the ministry of Paul, ends with Nero… [continues online] **read ›**

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Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 10–14*

10 *Against Marcion* 8 (on point 5) were extremely exact in examining that point. But what difference do titles make, since when the apostle wrote to one church, he was in fact writing to all? It is… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Against Marcion* 40 (on point 6) “You deny the Apostle Paul." I do not… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *On Prescription Against Heretics* 23 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “may here say to those who reject The Acts of the Apostles: It is first necessary that you show us who this Paul was — both what he was before he… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Marcion* 20 (on point 3) “of Peter himself, and the others who were pillars of the apostolate, as having been blamed by Paul for not walking uprightly according to the truth of the gospel. This… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Against Marcion* 8 (on point 8) are cut out by his hand, since whole pages are usually what he works on with his erasing. The apostle declares that to himself, less than the least of all… [continues online] **read ›**

Caius, *c. 200–220 AD · source 15*

15 *Fragments* 1 **Quote 5, page 4** for Paul's letters, those who understand the matter can see from the letters themselves what they are, and from what place or for what purpose they were sent. First… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 16–18*

16 *Against Celsus* 63 (1885 English; on point 8) “Paul, who himself also at a later time became an apostle of Jesus, says in his Epistle to Timothy, This is a faithful saying, that Jesus Christ came into the… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Commentary on John* 2 (on point 2) “again, God gave grace and apostleship to Paul and to the others… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* 8 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 5** “should Paul say, if he had not sinned, that I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 19–21*

19 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 4) “Paul also, the apostle whom the Lord called a chosen vessel unto Him, laid down in his epistle: I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him that called… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Epistles* **Quote 4, page 3** “Moreover, the blessed Apostle Paul, chosen and sent by the Lord and… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 8) “had it not been such and so great, the Church would never have possessed Paul as an apostle… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 22–24*

22 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 7, page 5** “who are now together, give you these divine constitutions concerning every form of the church. Paul, the chosen vessel, our fellow apostle, is present with us, and James the bishop… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 7) “He ordained Paul, our fellow-apostle, to be of a persecutor an apostle, and declared him a chosen vessel, even when he had heaped many mischiefs upon us before, and… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 7) “3:2 those after His passion by us, the twelve apostles, and Paul the chosen vessel… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · sources 25–27*

25 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English) “Paul, too, who is held to be the most approved apostle with us, expresses himself to the same effect in one of his epistles, when he says: For if I… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Disputation with Manes* 1 “Paul, the chief of the apostles, after all these sayings, gives us… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English; on point 1) “this profession he makes as if he were somewhat superior even to Paul, who was an elect vessel and a called apostle, and who on that ground, while preaching the… [continues online] **read ›**

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Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 28*

28 *Of the Manner in Which the Persecutors Died* 2 (1885 English; on point 2) “apostles were at that time eleven in number, to whom were added Matthias, in the room of the traitor Judas, and afterwards Paul… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 29*

29 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English; on point 5) “up the epistle of the blessed Apostle Paul… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *68 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

30 **Acts 1:25** to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place.” **read ›**

31 **Acts 4:33** With great power, the apostles gave their testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Great grace was on them all. **read ›**

32 **Acts 8:1** Saul consented to his killing. That day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. **read ›**

33 **Acts 9:14** Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” **read ›**

34 **Acts 9:15** But the Lord said to him, “Go your way, for he is my chosen vessel to bear my name before the nations and kings, and the children of Israel. **read ›**

35 **Acts 9:26** When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. **read ›**

36 **Acts 9:27** But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He related to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road, how the Lord had spoken to him, and how Saul had spoken boldly in Damascus in the name of Jesus. **read ›**

37 **Acts 11:17** If then God gave them the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?” **read ›**

38 **Acts 13:9** But Saul, also called Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He looked intently at him **read ›**

39 **Acts 14:9** He listened to Paul speaking. Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be healed, **read ›**

40 **Acts 15:2** After considerable dissension and debate between Paul and Barnabas and these men, Paul and Barnabas and some others from among them were appointed to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question. **read ›**

41 **Acts 15:6** The apostles and the elders were gathered together to see about this matter. **read ›**

42 **Acts 15:7** After much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that long ago God chose among us that through my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. **read ›**

43 **Acts 15:22** Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called Barsabbas and Silas, leading men among the brothers. **read ›**

44 **Acts 15:25** it seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, **read ›**

45 **Acts 15:35** Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord as the gospel, with many others also. **read ›**

46 **Acts 15:38** But Paul judged that they should not take the man who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. **read ›**

47 **Acts 15:40** but Paul chose Silas and went out, being commended by the brothers to the grace of God. **read ›**

48 **Acts 17:33** Thus Paul went out from among them. **read ›**

49 **Acts 19:11** God worked special miracles by the hands of Paul, **read ›**

50 **Acts 20:7** On the first day of the week, when the disciples were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and continued his speech until midnight. **read ›**

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51 **Acts 21:39** But Paul said, “I am a Jew from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city. I beg you, allow me to speak to the people.” **read ›**

52 **Acts 23:11** The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, Paul, for as you testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.” **read ›**

53 **Acts 24:23** He ordered the centurion to keep Paul in custody but allow him some liberty, and not to prevent any of his own people from serving him or visiting him. **read ›**

54 **Acts 25:19** but had certain disputes with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus who had died, whom Paul said was alive. **read ›**

55 **Acts 26:12** While engaged in this, I traveled to Damascus with authority and a commission from the chief priests. **read ›**

56 **Acts 26:29** Paul said, “I pray to God, that whether with little or with much, not only you, but also all that hear me today, might become such as I am, except for these bonds.” **read ›**

57 **Acts 28:31** preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, unhindered. **read ›**

58 **Romans 1:1** Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **read ›**

59 **Romans 1:5** through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faithfulness among all the nations for his name’s sake; **read ›**

60 **Romans 11:13** For I speak to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am an apostle of the Gentiles, I honor my ministry, **read ›**

61 **Romans 15:16** that I should be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest of the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

62 **1 Corinthians 1:1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, **read ›**

63 **1 Corinthians 3:5** Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but servants through whom you believed, and each serving as the Lord gave to him? **read ›**

64 **1 Corinthians 3:22** whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all are yours, **read ›**

65 **1 Corinthians 9:1** Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? **read ›**

66 **1 Corinthians 9:2** If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. **read ›**

67 **1 Corinthians 9:5** Have we no right to take along a wife who is a fellow believer, as do the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? **read ›**

68 **1 Corinthians 14:37** If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things I write to you are commandments of the Lord. **read ›**

69 **1 Corinthians 15:9** For I am the least of the apostles, who is not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **read ›**

70 **1 Corinthians 16:21** This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own hand. **read ›**

71 **2 Corinthians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: **read ›**

72 **2 Corinthians 10:1** Now I, Paul, myself appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am lowly among you when present, but bold toward you when absent. **read ›**

73 **2 Corinthians 10:8** For even if I boast somewhat abundantly concerning our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for casting you down, I will not be ashamed, **read ›**

74 **2 Corinthians 11:5** For I reckon that I am not at all behind the very best apostles. **read ›**

75 **2 Corinthians 13:10** For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not deal sharply when present, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down. **read ›**

76 **Galatians 1:1** Paul, an apostle—not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **read ›**

77 **Galatians 1:13** For you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and ravaged it. **read ›**

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78 **Galatians 1:23** but they only heard, “He who once persecuted us now preaches the faith that he once tried to destroy.” **read ›**

79 **Galatians 2:8** for he who worked through Peter in the apostleship with the circumcised also worked through me with the Gentiles— **read ›**

80 **Galatians 2:9** and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, those who were reputed to be pillars, gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcision. **read ›**

81 **Ephesians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and the faithful in Christ Jesus: **read ›**

82 **Ephesians 3:1** For this reason I, Paul, am the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles, **read ›**

83 **Philippians 1:1** Paul and Timothy, slaves of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: **read ›**

84 **Colossians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **read ›**

85 **Colossians 1:25** I became its minister according to the stewardship from God given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **read ›**

86 **Colossians 4:18** I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen. **read ›**

87 **1 Thessalonians 1:1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **read ›**

88 **2 Thessalonians 1:1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: **read ›**

89 **2 Thessalonians 3:9** this was not because we do not have the right, but to make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us. **read ›**

90 **1 Timothy 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ our hope, **read ›**

91 **1 Timothy 2:7** for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie—a teacher of the Gentiles in faithfulness and truth. **read ›**

92 **2 Timothy 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, **read ›**

93 **2 Timothy 1:11** For this I was appointed as a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. **read ›**

94 **Titus 1:1** Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faithfulness of God’s chosen ones and the knowledge of the truth that accords with godliness, **read ›**

95 **Titus 2:15** Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you. **read ›**

96 **Philemon 1:1** Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker, **read ›**

97 **Philemon 1:9** yet for love’s sake I would rather appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *126 verses, by reference*

Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.

Psalms 45:3 · 118:22

Isaiah 8:4

Jeremiah 4:4

Matthew 3:2 · 5:8 · 5:32 · 7:12 · 7:15 · 7:18 · 8:10 · 10:10 · 10:40 · 12:32 · 12:50 · 13:25 · 18:17 · 23:8 · 23:27 · 23:35

Mark 2:19 · 8:38 · 12:41

Luke 5:8 · 6:5 · 6:26 · 7:47 · 14:33 · 16:16 · 21:8

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