

Sermon Title: **“HE CONSIDERED ME FAITHFUL”**

I Timothy 1:12-17

- _____ to Christ should be our _____ of operation
- Think of who Paul _____ was ...
 - A “_____ of God” = a slanderer; an insulter of God
 - Paul’s _____ of the church was _____; Paul wanted to completely _____ the church
 - A “_____” = hurtful from a place of pride, whatever gives pain to the body or mind, whatever impairs or destroys property or rights, whatever tarnishes reputation, whatever disturbs happiness, whatever retards prosperity or defeats the success of a good cause
- Paul’s past DIDN’T _____ Paul from _____ God
- If you have a relationship with Jesus Christ, realize, God _____ you right where He _____ you. God’s able to _____ you right where you are

Charles Spurgeon (on Paul) – “After Paul was saved, he became a foremost saint. The Lord did not allot him a second-class place in the church. He had been the leading sinner, but his Lord did not, therefore, say, ‘I save you, but I shall always remember your wickedness to your disadvantage.’ Not so: he counted him faithful, putting him into the ministry & into the apostleship, so that he was not a whit behind the very chief of the apostles. Brother, there is no reason why, if you have gone very far in sin, you should not go equally far in usefulness.”

- God’s ready to use you – _____ – in a _____ for Him!
- That’s the wonderful _____ of Jesus, who strengthens us, & puts us into service simply because we _____ Him to do great things!
- God opened Paul’s eyes to what Paul was _____ from Christ
 - Paul credited everything to the _____ of God
 - Take ALL the _____ things you’ve done – Christ’s death extends _____ instead of _____
- Paul was _____ much & from a place of overflowing _____, Paul loved God & thanked Christ Jesus his Lord, much