

## **ST. PAUL IS AN APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES**

Jesus is the light of the nations and St. Paul fulfills the mind of Jesus by taking the gospel to the Jews first and the gentiles.

### **Biblical passages**

**Isaiah 42: 1** Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. Upon him I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the **nations**. **4.** He will not grow dim or be bruised until he establishes justice on the earth; **the coastlands** will wait for his teaching. **6.** I, the LORD, have called you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, **a light for the nations**.

**This prophecy is fulfilled in the story of the Magi (kings of the east) coming to worship Jesus in Mt 2:1:** I, the LORD, have called you for justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

Simeon's words reveal the prophecy of Isaiah in Luke 2: 30-32 For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of **all the peoples**, a light **for revelation to the Gentiles**, and glory for your people Israel.

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Before ascension, Jesus said in Mathew 28: 19-20, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Just before the ascension, Jesus said in Acts 1:8, " But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem**, throughout **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to **the ends of the earth**

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**Romans 11:13** Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am **the apostle to the Gentiles**, I glory in my ministry

**Acts 13:44-48:** On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "***It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. 47: For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of***

*salvation to the ends of the earth.”* 48 The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe

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**Ephesians 3:6** That the **Gentiles are coheirs**, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Galatians 2:7** I had been entrusted **with the gospel to the uncircumcised**, just as **Peter to the circumcised**

**1 Timothy 2:7** For this I was appointed **preacher and apostle** (I am speaking the truth, I am not lying), **teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.**

**Galatians 3:8** Through you (Abraham) shall **all the nations** be blessed 28: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus