

Sermon Summary – January 11, 2015, Pastor Alan Smith

“The Privilege”

In Acts 9:15 God called Ananias to go to Saul. *15 But the Lord said, “Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel.* God had an important task for Saul. Saul, or as we know him, Paul was going to be God’s instrument, to be used to bring the good news to the gentiles, to kings, and to Israel. In Ephesians 3: 7-9 we can see how Paul felt about this task. *7 By God’s grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News. 8 Though I am the least deserving of all God’s people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. 9 I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.* Paul felt that it was a privilege to serve God.

Last week I talked about how God has a plan for us. We see in 2 Corinthians 5:18 God has given each one of us a task *18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.* We are to reconcile people to God. The question is how do we view this task? Is it a duty or job that must be done or is it as Paul states a privilege? Our attitude toward the task that God gave us is important because it will reflect in how we represent God. I pray that we can face this task with love in our hearts and joy in our steps! Let’s go and serve God because of the love He has for us and we have for Him.