

## I. Our ministry is one of \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Paul reveals the nature of his ministry in three steps

- a. Paul commends himself to the conscience of others (v 1-2)
- b. Paul characterizes the spiritual condition of the lost (v 3-4)
- c. Paul conveys the nature of his ministry (v 5-6)

### III. Step 1 - Paul commends himself to the conscience of others (vs 1-2)

- a. Paul has received his ministry by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - i. Mercy is “To show compassion as opposed to be hardened”
- b. His ministry is based on the accurate proclamation of the word and a manner of living that practices the word he preaches.
  - i. Paul is not just a \_\_\_\_\_ of the word. He is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Step 2 - Paul characterizes the spiritual condition of the lost (vs 3-4)

- a. Those who are dying are unable to see the glory of the gospel
- b. Paul’s ministry is to bring \_\_\_\_\_ into a dark world.

### V. Paul conveys the full nature of his ministry

- a. Paul is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
  - i. God shines His light on the lost
    - 1. To reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the face of Jesus Christ