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**1 Tim. 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.**

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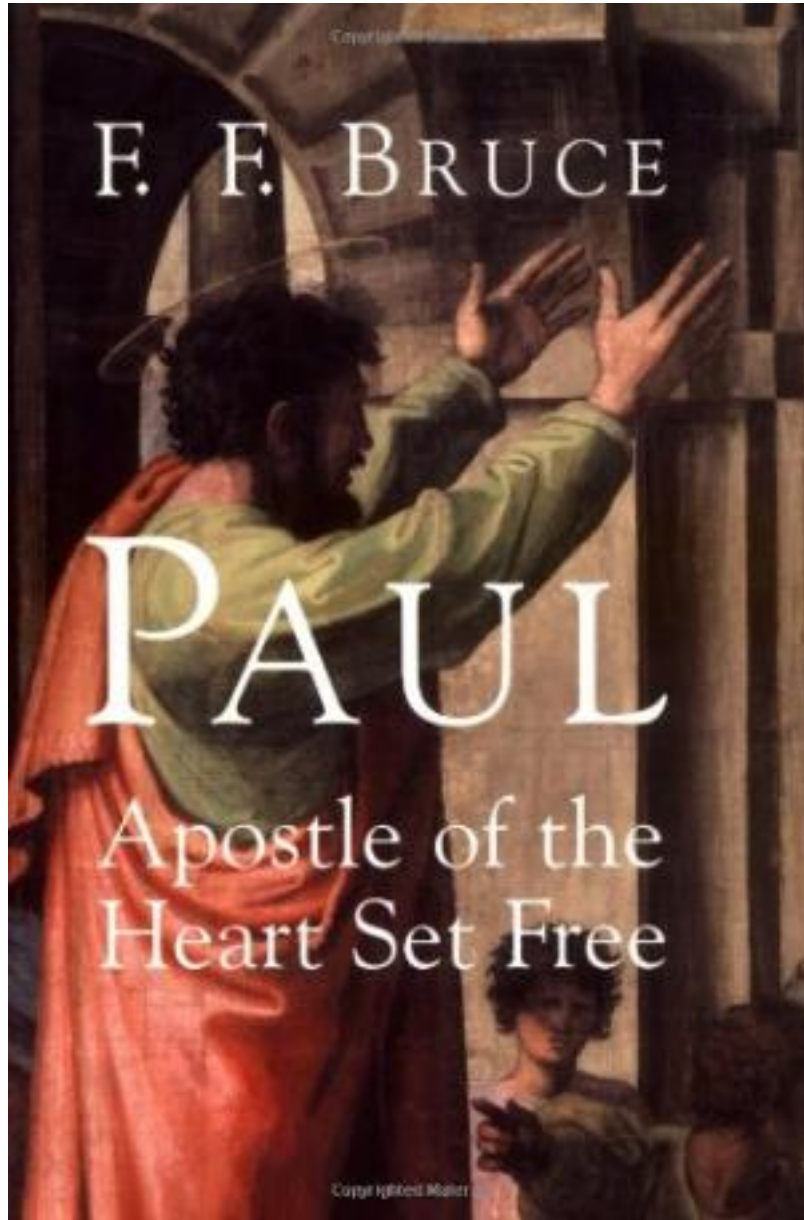
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**"God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son."**

F. F. BRUCE

# PAUL

Apostle of the  
Heart Set Free



***Obligated***

***Eager***

**Rom. 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.**

**Interpretation: What did it mean?**

**Application: What does it mean?**

***It can't mean what it never meant***

**1. We must nurture gratitude to God for our faith and the community he has formed by faith, the Church.**

**2 Cor. 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**



***Culture will stop complaining about  
the church not when the church  
becomes more like Jesus but when it  
becomes more like culture.***

**2. Nurture a sense of obligation and eagerness to share the gospel.**

**The wages of sin is death, but the  
gift of God is eternal life in Christ  
Jesus.**

**Rom 6:23**

**Philemon 1:6 I pray that you may  
be active in sharing your faith, so  
that you will have a full  
understanding of every good thing  
we have in Christ.**

**"I am eager to preach the gospel to  
you at Rome"**

**"God, whom I serve with my whole heart in proclaiming the gospel of his son..."**

***Knowing and loving God...Making God's love known to others.***