

The REAL St. Patrick Introduction

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Proposition

I want to make 9 STATEMENTS about who St. Patrick REALLY is.

- I. He's a Slave
 - Joseph
 - Genesis 37-48

- II. He's a Christian
 - "Confessions"
 - "I was sixteen and knew not the true God, but in that strange land the Lord opened my unbelieving eyes, and I

- III. He's a Dreamer
 - Paul's Macedonian Vision – Acts 16
 - 1 Samuel 3 – Samuel
 - Acts 9 – Saul of Tarsus
 - 1 John 2:27 – Holy Spirit & Truth
 - John 16 – Holy Spirit – Draws to Christ

- IV. He's a Writer
 - [The Confessions](#)
 - [The Breastplate](#)
 - [Letter to Coroticus](#)
 - Paradigm for Spiritual Formation
 - 1. Belief Structures
 - 2. Sing About Our Walk with Christ
 - 3. Apply Biblical Truth to Society

- V. He's a Missionary
 - "I live for God so as to teach the pagans."
 - 2 or 3 times in his writings, he spoke of "THOUSANDS" of CONVERTS

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VI. He's a Bishop

- Extensive Writing
- No one used the office of Bishop as he did.

VII. He's an Educator

- Irish Monasteries & study of Scripture
- He apologized for his lack of Education

VIII. He's a Churchman

- He took the church outside the Western Roman Empire
- 2000 Landmarks bear his name – in both Catholic & Protestant Tradition

IX. He's a Theologian

- *Confessions* – “There is no other God...”
- Example – How to Win Over Worry, John Edmund Haggai, pages 94-95

CONCLUSION:

Every Sermon Should Have Something To

- + Know/Understand ...
- + Believe ...
- + Do ...