

THE LIFE OF PAUL

I. PAUL'S PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH - Acts 7:57-60, 8:1

II. PAUL'S SALVATION - Acts 9:1-22, Philippians 3:1-3-11

III. PAUL'S TRAINING – Galatians 1:15-18

Paul was in a desert area for three years, being trained by God.

IV. PAUL'S FIRST CHURCH, AND HIS FIRST COMMISSION - Acts 13:1-4

V. PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY - Acts 13:4 - 14:28

Paul went to Cyprus and then north to Perga, Pisidian and Derbe.

A. Paul depended on the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:4, 9

B. Paul focused on preaching God's word. Acts 13:5, 13:32, 13:44, 13:46, 13:49

C. Paul recognized elders in every church. Acts 13:48

D. Paul was persecuted and suffered greatly. Acts 13:50, 14:19-20, 14:22

VI. PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY (50-52 AD) - Acts 15:36-18:22

Paul went to Galatia, Macedonia, and Greece.

A. Paul and Barnabas had a major disagreement and parted ways. Acts 15:39

B. Paul was traveling with his disciples, particularly Silas, Timothy and Luke.

C. Paul starts the first church in Europe, in Philippi. Acts 16:9-10

D. Lydia, the first person recorded to be saved in Europe,

was very instrumental in starting the church in Philippi.

E. Paul continues to reach out to Jews, but more so to Gentiles. Acts 17:1-5, 12

F. Paul disciples a godly couple named Aquila and Priscila. Romans 16:3-4

G. Paul was building up the church in Corinth for 1½ years. Acts 18:11

VII. PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY (52-56 AD) - Acts 18:23 - 21:16

Paul goes to Galatia, then to Ephesus for 2 years and then to Macedonia.

A. God's word was having a powerful effect on the people. Acts 19:20

B. Paul continually encountered persecution from Jews and Greeks. Acts 19:8-12

- C. There was a huge riot in Ephesus regarding Paul and the Way. Acts 19:23-32
- D. Paul conducted a key leader's meeting for the Ephesian elders. Acts 20:17-31
- E. Paul hurried to get back to Jerusalem. It was God's will. Acts 20:16, 21:13

VIII. PAUL'S TIME IN JERUSALEM AND HIS JOURNEY TO ROME – Acts 21-28

Paul is arrested, detained, and appears before Jewish and Roman leaders.

Then he goes to Rome where he continues to make disciples. 2 Tim. 4:7-8, 17-18

IX. PAUL WAS A TEACHER

Paul taught on every major doctrine. He also taught about love, sin, holiness, humility, suffering, trials, submission, spiritual gifts, grey areas, rejoicing, prayer, thankfulness, etc. We are to learn from Paul's example. Philippians 3:16-17

X. PAUL HAD CHARACTER

Philippians 1:6-8 (love for the saints), Romans 1:9-13 (encouraging), Romans 10:1 (love for the lost), Romans 15:23 (devotion to people), 2 Corinthians 12:15 (sacrificial), Galatians 1:6-9 (fighting for truth), 1 Thessalonians 2:7-11 (gentle but firm), Galatians 5:22 (loving, joyful, patient, peaceful, faithful, kind, etc.)

XI. PAUL MADE DISCIPLES - 2 Timothy 1:3-6

He was very devoted and committed to his faithful men. 2 Timothy 2:1-7

XII. PAUL SUFFERED AND PERSEVERED FOR THE LORD

Paul was willing to suffer because he knew how much God loved him, and how much Jesus had suffered for him. 2 Corinthians 1:8-11, 4:7-10, 6:3-5, 11:23-28, 2:9-10; 2 Timothy 4:7-8

XIII. PAUL'S MOTIVATION - THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE GRACE OF GOD

Romans 8:35-39, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, I AM WHAT I AM,
AND HIS GRACE TOWARD ME DID NOT PROVE VAIN,
BUT I LABORED EVEN MORE THAN ALL OF THEM,
YET NOT I, BUT THE GRACE OF GOD WITH ME.

1 Corinthians 15:10