A MAN SET IN HIS WAYS

Phil. 1:16 - 20

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INTRODUCTION

1. In these verses, Paul declared his determination to defend the ways of God, because he had made God's ways his ways.
2. It is evident that Paul was set in his ways and would not be moved -- I Cor. 15:58.
   (1) Paul would that others be set in their ways --Eph. 4:14; 6: 10 - 14
3. Let us consider the "SET" of Paul's life.

I. PAUL WAS SET IN SOUND DOCTRINE

1. Paul said to Titus, "*But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine"* -- Tit. 2:1.
2. Paul said, "*Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou has heard of men, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus"* -- 2 Tim. 1:13.
3. Paul said, "*Charge some that they teach no other doctrine"* --I Tim. 1:3.
4. Paul said to the Galatians that there is but ONE gospel -- Gal. 1: 6 - 9.
5. Paul said there is but "ONE FAITH" -- Eph. 4:5.
6. Paul said, "*Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers"* --Titus 1:9.
7. Paul said the scriptures were complete -- 2 Tim. 3: 16 - 17.
8. Paul believed there is a divine pattern to teach and live by, and one's life must be set in that pattern.

II. PAUL WAS SET IN A PURE MANNER OF LIFE

1. Paul kept his body in subjection -- I Cor. 9: 27.
2. Paul did not covet what other men had -- Acts 20:33; I Thess. 2:5.
3. Paul behaved himself, holily, justly, and unblameably-- I Thess. 2:10.
4. There was not "deceit" in Paul's life -- I Thess. 2:3.
5. Paul thought upon the pure and good -- Phil. 4:8.
6. Paul treated women as mothers and sisters in all purity -- I Tim. 5:1.
7. Paul was an example to the believers -- Phil. 4: 9; I Tim. 4:12.
8. Paul was set against:
   (1) Lying -- Eph. 4:25
   (2) Wrath -- Eph. 4:26
   (3) Stealing -- Eph. 4:28
   (4) Vulgar talk -- Eph. 4:29; 5:4
   (5) Bitterness -- Eph. 4:31
   (6) Malice -- Eph. 4:31
   (7) Evil speaking -- Eph. 4:31
   (8) Fornication and adultery -- Gal. 5:19
   (9) Lasciviousness -- Gal. 5:19
   (10) Hatred -- Gal. 5:20
   (11) Strife -- Gal. 5:20

(12) Envy -- Gal. 5:21
(13) Drunkenness -- Gal. 5:21
(14) Abusers of themselves with mankind -- I Cor. 6:9
(15) Immodest dress -- I Tim. 2:9

III. PAUL WAS SET IN FAITHFULNESS TO MAGNIFY CHRIST IN HIS LIFE

1. Paul wanted Christ magnified in his body, whether in life or death -- Phil. 1:20.
2. To "magnify" means to: make great or to enlarge.
3. Paul said, "*For to me to live is Christ. . .*" --Phil. 1:21.
4. Paul said, "*Christ liveth in me*"-- Gal. 2:20.
5. Paul said he followed Christ -- I Cor. 11:1.
6. Paul preached Christ -- I Cor. 2:2.

IV. PAUL WAS SET IN THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS "ONE CHURCH"

1. Paul said there is "one body" and that body is the church -- Eph. 4:4; 1:22 - 23.
2. Paul said men are reconciled unto God in this one body, the church -- Eph 2:16.
3. Paul said Christ, "*Gave Himself for it*" --Eph. 5:25.
4. Paul we are baptized into it-- I Cor. 12:13.
5. Paul said Christ is the Saviour of it -- Eph. 5:23, 26 - 27.
6. Paul said Christ purchased it with his own blood -- Acts 20: 28.

V. PAUL WAS SET IN THE BELIEF THAT THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE MEN.

1. He said it was the power of God unto Salvation -- Rom. 1:16.
2. He said by the gospel the Corinthians were saved -- I Cor. 15:1 - 2.
3. The gospel saves, not the direct operation of the Holy Spirit.

VI. PAUL WAS SET IN THE BELIEF THAT BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION

1. He had been baptized to be saved -- Acts 22: 16.
2. Paul taught baptism put one into Christ, into His death, and into one's death to sin -- Rom. 6: 3 - 4.
3. Paul taught that one puts off the body of the sins of the flesh in baptism -- Col. 2: 11 - 12.

CONCLUSION

1. The ways of Paul were the ways of Christ -- I Cor. 11:1

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