PAUL, AN EXAMPLE TO CHRISTIANS

I Cor. 11:1; Phil. 4:9

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INTRODUCTION

1. In these two verses we see that Christians are to follow the example that Paul set before us.
2. Paul was an Apostle of Christ – I Cor. 9:1.
3. What he taught was by the revelation of Christ – Gal. 1:12.
4. In this lesson, let us take a little stroll with Paul by means of the New Testament and see Paul as a Christian.

I. PAUL LOVED CHRIST WITH ALL HIS HEART

- **a.** Paul was willing to be imprisoned and willing to die for Christ – Acts 21:18.
- **b.** Jesus said, "*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"* – John 15:13.
- **c.** This is the kind of love Paul had for Christ.
- **d.** Do you love Christ as Paul did?
- **e.** John 14: 15.

II. PAUL LOVED THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

- **a.** He would do nothing to hinder it – I Cor. 2:12.
- **b.** He said, "*Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel"* – I Cor. 9:16.
- **c.** He was not ashamed of it – Rom. 1: 16.
- **d.** He was a debtor to preach it – Rom.1: 14 – 15.
- **e.** He had no time for those who would PERVERT it – Gal. 1: 8 – 9; Rom. 16:17.

III. PAUL WOULD GLADLY SPEND AND BE SPENT FOR SOULS

- **a.** 2 Cor. 12:15
- **b.** I Cor. 9: 19 – 22
- **c.** How many of us are like Paul??

IV. PAUL TOOK PLEASURE IN PERSECUTIONS SUFFERED FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

- **a.** 2 Cor. 12:10
- **b.** Some of Paul's persecutions – 2 Cor. 11: 23 – 28
- **c.** Ask yourself, "Would I endure if Christ today cost me this much???"
- **d.** Jesus said – Matt. 5: 10 -12.
- **e.** The Apostles – Acts 5: 41.
- **f.** Rom. 8: 35 – 39.
- **g.** 2 Tim. 3:12.

V. PAUL ALWAYS PREACHED A FULL GOSPEL

a. Acts 20: 26 – 27
b. Acts 20:20
c. Gal. 1: 8
d. 2 Tim. 4: 2 – 4
e. Gal. 2:5

VI. WHEREVER PAUL WAS HE PREACHED THE GOSPEL

a. In prison at Philippi – Acts 16: 25 – 34
b. He preached to Felix – Acts 24: 24 – 25
c. He preached to Agrippa – Acts 26: 26 – 28
d. In Rome – Acts 28: 30 – 31; Phil. 1: 12 – 13; 4:22
e. In the synagogue and market – Acts 17:17

VII. PAUL WAS SET FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL

a. Phil. 1: 17
b. Acts 20: 29 – 31
c. Tit. 1: 10 -11

VIII. PAUL WAS A MAN OF PRAYER

a. Ephesus – Acts 20:36
b. Tyre – Acts 21:5
c. Acts 16:25
d. Phil. 1: 3 – 4
e. I Thess. 1: 2 – 3
f. Rom. 12:12
g. I Tim. 2:1
h. Rom. 10:1
i. Phil. 4:6
j. I Tim. 2:8

IX. PAUL BELIEVED IN EATING THE LORD'S SUPPER AND GIVING ON THE LORD'S DAY

a. Acts 20:7
b. I Cor. 16: 1 – 2

CONCLUSION

Paul believed baptism was essential – Acts 22: 16; Rom. 6:3 - 4