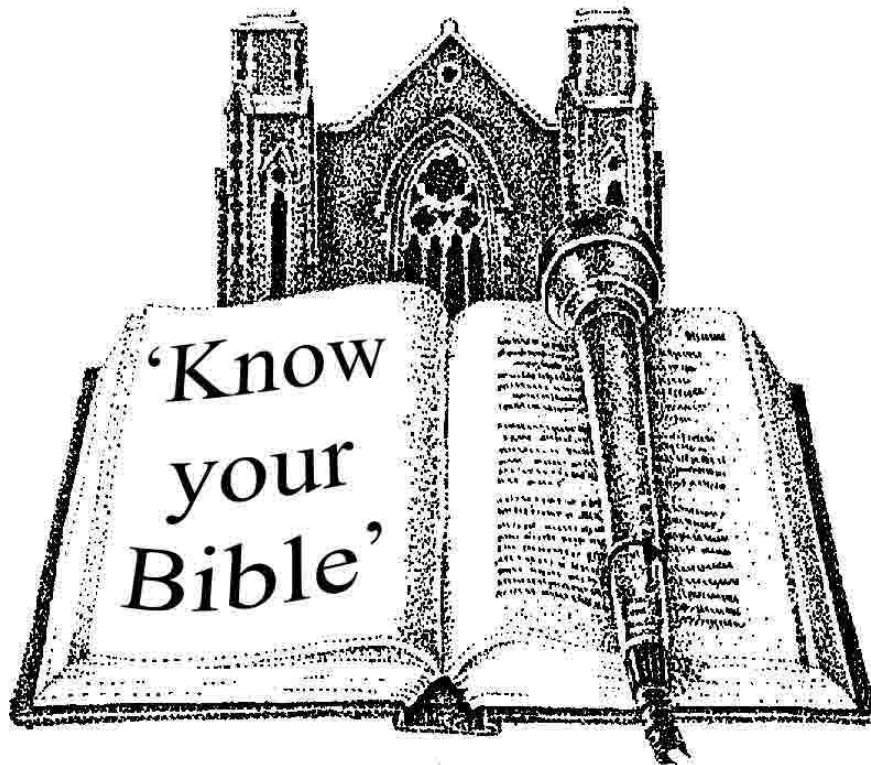


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## **Incidents in the life of Paul.**

### **1. His conversion**

Passages for study 1 Acts 7:58 - 8:3. 9:1-10.

#### **General Question:-**

- How was Saul involved in Stephen's death?
- What did he do to the disciples of the Lord?
- Why did he fall to the ground?
- What did the voice say to him?
- What did he do?
- Why did Ananias not want to go to Saul?
- How did the Lord change Ananias's mind?
- What did Ananias say to Saul?
- What happened next?
- What did Saul do when he had regained his sight?
- What did he do in Jerusalem?

#### **Questions for discussion:-**

1. Why was Saul so opposed to the early Christians?  
Why are people opposed to Christians today?
2. What events led to the conversion of Saul?  
What events lead to the conversion of people today?
3. What were the results of Saul's conversion  
- for himself? for the church? for others?  
What results should there be when we are converted  
- for ourselves? for the church? for others?
4. The early Christians did not at first welcome Saul.  
What should be our attitude to new converts?

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### **2. First Missionary journey**

Passages for study : 1 Acts 13:1-5, 13-15, 44-52. Acts 14:1-7, 19-28.

#### **General Questions:-**

- What did the Holy Spirit tell the Christians to do?
- What was the result of this?
- Where did they go on the Sabbath day in Antioch?
- Why did the Jews contradict Paul?
- What was Paul's reaction, and what happened next?
- Why did Paul and Barnabas go to Iconium?
- What happened there?
- When Paul was stoned at Lystra, what was the result?
- When they left Lystra, where did they return to? why?
- What did they do at Antioch (Syria)?

#### **Questions for discussion:-**

1. How are people called into Christian work today?
2. The Jews rejected Paul because of jealousy.  
Can jealousy creep into the church?  
Over what issues?  
What is to be done about it?
3. What do we learn here about the boldness and bravery of Paul?  
when do **we** need it?  
How do we get it?
4. What good examples can we learn from the church in Antioch?  
How can we follow these good examples?

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### **3. At Philippi.**

Passages for study : Acts 15:36-41 Acts 16:6-34.

#### **General -Questions:-**

- Way did Paul want to return?
- Why was there an argument with Barnabas? 'What was the result?
- Who stopped them going into Asia and Bithynia?
- Why did Paul go to Macedonia (in Europe)?
- Where did they go on the Sabbath day?
- What happened to Lydia? What did she do?
- Why were the owners of the slave girl annoyed?
- What punishment was given to Paul and Silas?
- What was the result of the midnight earthquake?

#### **Questions for discussion:-**

1. Paul and Barnabas could not agree.  
Is it wrong for Christians to disagree? When?  
What good can come from it?
2. Paul received clear guidance about where to go next.  
How does God guide us today?
3. What can we learn from Paul about the right attitude
  - to persecution
  - to punishment
4. Lydia and the Jailer were baptised? How important **is** baptism?

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### **4. At Corinth and Ephesus.**

Passages for study: Acts 18:1-11 19:1, 8-10 20:17-38.

#### **General Questions:-**

- Why did Paul stay with Aquila and Priscilla?
- Why did he go to Titus Justus's house?
- How did Paul know that the Lord 'had many people'?
- What was the result of his two years at Ephesus?
- How had Paul lived in Asia?
- Where was he going? what was to happen to him?
- What was the chief thing he wanted to do?
- Why was he innocent?
- What must the elders do? why?
- Why must they help the weak?

#### **Questions for discussion:-**

1. When the Jews opposed him, Paul left them and preached to the Gentiles. Is there ever a time to stop witnessing to those who oppose us? If so, when?
2. Paul lived by his trade. What does this teach us?
3. What do we learn from today's passages about the way we should present the Gospel to others?
4. In what practical ways can we follow Paul's example in 20:14-35?

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### **5. On Trial.**

Passages for study: Acts 24:1-27  
25:24-25  
26:30-32

#### **General questions:-**

- What did Tertullus say about the Governor Felix?
- What did he call Paul?
- Who Joined in the charge?
- What did Paul say they could not prove?
- How did Paul worship?
- Why was Paul on trial?
- What was Felix order?
- Why was Felix alarmed? What did he hope?
- What was Festus's opinion of Paul?
- What was Agrippa's opinion of Paul?

#### **Questions for discussion:-**

1. Paul was on trial because he preached the resurrection.  
Why is the resurrection so important to a Christian?
2. Felix wanted money before he would release Paul.  
Why is bribery wrong?  
What can we do to oppose it?
3. Felix was alarmed at Paul's preaching.  
Should our witness to the Lord cause people to be alarmed?  
If so why?
4. Paul defended himself on trial and appealed to the Emperor, Caesar. What should be our attitude to the law of the land?

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### **6. Shipwreck - then Rome.**

Passages for study : Acts 27,11-27, 39-44. 28.11-16, 23-31.

#### **General questions:-**

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| - What happened to the ship on the way to Rome?             | 27:13-16 |
| - Why was all hope of being saved abandoned?                | 18-20    |
| - Why did Paul tell everyone to take heart?                 | 21-26    |
| - What happened (when it was days)?                         | 39-41    |
| - How did they all escape to land?                          | 42-44    |
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| - How did the brethren welcome Paul?                        | 28:14-15 |
| - How did Paul live in Rome?                                | 16       |
| - How did Paul set about convincing the Romans about Jesus? | 23       |
| - What was Paul's attitude to their disbelief?              | 25-28    |
| - How did Paul spend the two years?                         | 30-31    |

#### **Questions for discussion:-**

1. Paul knew he would reach Rome, and was therefore confident that he would not drown on the way. What does this teach us about our attitude to the events of daily life?
2. How should we show hospitality to other Christians today?
3. State some of the passages you would use to show to people who the Lord Jesus Christ is, and why He came.
4. What should be our attitude to those who, having heard the Word, reject it?

#### **Notes:-**