PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

INTRODUCTION: As Paul is a “pattern to them which believe” his prayer life should be an example for us.

1. PAUL’S PRAYER AT CONVERSION.

Acts 9:3-5 “Who art thou Lord?”

Acts 9:6 “What wilt thou have me do?”

This prayer embodies two desires vital to Christian usefulness; to know Christ and to know his will for us.

Acts 9:11, Paul’s praying evidenced his conversion.

1. PAUL’S PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE AND HELP IN SERVICE.

Acts 13:2-3.The first missionary journey began with prayer.

Acts 15:36-41. Later, a prayer-less start resulted in discord.

Acts 22:17-18. While Paul prayed God directed him.

I Thess. 3:10. He prayed that his ministry might be effective.

Rom. 10:1. He prayed for those to whom he preached.

1. PAUL’S PRAYERS FOR THE BELIEVERS.

Eph.1:15-19. He prayed that the believers might know God personally (17),

might know God’s purpose (18), might know God’s power (19).

Eph. 3:14-19. He prayed that the believers might be strengthened (16-17), enlightened (18-19),filled (19).

Col.1:9-12. He prayed that the believers might know God’s will (9), might walk worthy of the Lord (10), and be strengthened by God’s power (11).

Phil.1:9-11. He prayed that their love might abound (9), and their lives might be blameless (10-11).

1. PAUL’S HABITS IN PRAYER.
2. HE PRAYED CONTINUALLY.

Rom. 1:9, Col. 1:3, I Thess.3:9-10, II Thess. 1:11, II Tim. 1:3.

1. HE PRAYED IN GOD’S WILL.

Rom. 1:10, Rom.15:30, 32.

1. HE PRAYED WITH THANKSGIVING.

Rom.1:8, I Col. 1:4-5; Eph. 1:15-16, Phil.1:1-3, Col.1:3.

1. HE PRAYED IN PUBLIC.

Acts 20:36, Acts 21:5.

1. PAUL’S ESTIMATION OF PRAYER.
2. HE EXORTED ALL CHRISTIANS TO PRAY.

Phil.4:6, Col.4:2, I Thess. 5:17, I Tim.2:1-3.

1. HE ASKED THEM TO PRAY FOR HIM PERSONALLY.

Rom. 15:30, II Cor. 1:11, Eph. 6:18-19, I Thess. 5:25.

1. PAUL’S PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED.

Acts 16:13-34. Delivered from prison.

Acts 28:8. Sickness healed.

II Cor. 12:7-9. This prayer not answered as Paul desired.