

Striving To Become The Man That Paul Became

1st. Corth. 13:11

Intro: Paul's Maturity was marked by

1. The Christlikeness that he showed

Acts 21:13

2. The cross he shouldered

Acts 20:22-24

3. The Christians that he schooled

Acts 18:1, 11

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Notice that Paul was

1. A testimonial man - NOTICE

1. Paul's salvation was a testimonial for the patience of God

1st. Tim 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

2. Paul's service was a testimonial for the purpose of God

Gal 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

2. A teachable man NOTICE

1. Paul's sight had been cleared

Acts 9:7-18

2. Paul's spirit had been changed

Acts 26:9-11

1 Tim 1:13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

3. Tearful man NOTICE

1. That Paul's tears were not

1. Dried by trials

Acts 20:19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

2. Dampened by time

Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

4. A triumphant man

Notice that Paul's success was marked by

1. What he could see behind him

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

2. What he could see before him

2 Tim 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.