

## Revision of Lessons 18 - 24

**This week** we remind ourselves of Paul’s conversion and the people he spoke to of Christ.

*The Apostle Paul wrote,  
 “For to me to live is Christ,  
 and to die is gain”  
 Philippians 1v21.*

**Bible Readings for this week**

*(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)*

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Galatians 1 (Paul warns of false ‘gospel’ teachers)	
Monday	Galatians 2 (Paul taught justification by faith in Christ)	
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1 (Paul - God appointed Apostle, Preacher, Teacher)	
Wednesday	2 Timothy 2 (Flee youthful lusts, follow righteousness)	
Thursday	2 Timothy 3 (All Scripture is inspired of God, all is true)	
Friday	2 Timothy 4 (Timothy exhorted to preach the word)	
Saturday	Matthew 10v5-20,28-42 (Follow Pauls’ teaching)	

**Important Lesson for us today: The importance of faithful Christian witness.** *When we have good, life changing, news we want to share it with all we meet. Becoming a Christian is the chief life changing experience, and the Lord asks each of us who are His, to share the Gospel (the good news of salvation), to all that we meet. Paul, without fear of the consequences, with great courage and trust in his Lord, shared it even with those who could physically harm him such as the Jailer and Felix. His concern for their eternal security (and to please his Lord), outweighed the cost and the Lord blessed him for it. His attitude was to live for Christ whilst looking forward to his reward in Heaven. If we truly love the Lord, let us not be selfish and keep it to ourselves but prayerfully, in love and care, use our testimony to point others to the Saviour. Our lives must show the great change that has been wrought in us by the Holy Spirit.* **Please read Matthew 10v32.**

**Hymn 468 - The Christian life is one of devoted service and witness to our Saviour.**

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| 1. Take my life, and let it be,<br>Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;     | 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour<br>At Thy feet, its treasure-store; |
| Take my moments and my days,<br>Let them flow in ceaseless praise. | Take myself, and I will be,<br>Ever, only, all for Thee.             |

### From Conversion on the Damascus Road to Roman Prison.

- **Saul of Tarsus is Converted, God Calls Him to Become The Apostle Paul.**
  - Saul, a proud Pharisee, determinedly set against The Lord Jesus Christ, is met by the Risen Christ on the Damascus Road. The Lord changes his heart and gives him faith.
  - Now humbled, he repents and believes - is converted to faith in Jesus Christ.
  - As Paul, God sends him on 3 missionary journeys preaching The Gospel to all.
  - Inspired by God The Holy Spirit, Paul wrote – **Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews**
- **The Wonderful Change of Lydia’s Heart by The Holy Spirit.**
  - Being like us, dead in trespasses and sins, it was necessary for the Lord to ‘open’ Lydia’s heart, renewing her spiritual capability, enabling her to repent of all her sin by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and Lord.
- **The Philippian Jailer’s Conversion - A Complete Change of Behaviour.**
  - The harsh, cruel jailer became kind and compassionate - ready to serve and care.
- **Paul Declares To The Athenians The Only God Who Can Be Known.**
  - The Bible clearly tells of The One True God; that we can know Him, personally .
- **Paul Declares The Salvation of Jesus Christ to the Ephesians.**
  - All man-made gods are worthless. empty superstition. Being dead, they cannot save.
- **Paul Defends His Faith Before The Roman Governor, Felix.**
  - The mighty Felix trembled knowing he deserved judgment but refused to repent.
  - Hardening his heart, he will have to face God’s Final Judgement without a Saviour.
- **Onesimus Runs Away and Meets Paul in Rome.**
  - Onesimus seeks ‘freedom’ but is troubled to find himself a ‘slave’ to his sin.
  - Paul, fully aware of Onesimus’ sinful life, speaks to him of his need to repent and believe in Jesus Christ, The only Saviour of Lost Sinners.
  - Onesimus responds - believes, repents, and finds forgiveness from The Lord.
- **Can You Spot The Different Patterns in The Following Experiences?**
  - **1. Paul**, and all he spoke to who believed, had their hearts changed by the quickening power of God the Holy Spirit, enabling them to humbly approach the Lord in sincere repentance and believing faith. **Essential for Salvation.** The Bible tells us that this work of the Holy Spirit, is **‘being born again’**.
  - **2. Felix**, and all who stubbornly choose not to believe in the Saviour, are responsible for hardening their hearts, and so will be eternally lost. **Heb 3v7-10**

**Do not follow Felix to Judgement – Seek the Lord now with all your heart.**

- **“Behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation”.** 2 Cor 6v2.

Paul wrote in Ephesians 2v1, **“And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”** and v8,9, **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”.** Read Ephesians 2v1-10.