# My First!

# My own early Paul' verses that redirected my path, my life, my ministry, my eternal future and myself!

These are some of the first verses that 'meant everything to me' – opened my eyes – woke me from a spiritual sleep – got me excited about what was IN my KJB, not just 'about' my KJB, etc. when I first started thinking about the 'obvious' – that following Paul meant:

- following the risen Christ through Paul's books, not the 'pre-resurrected Jesus from the gospels' and according to Hebrews 9:16,17, I learned the 'doctrinal New Testament!
- re-designing the local church from the apostles in Acts 2 to Paul's in Ephesians 4!
- despising the 'modern' local church of today!
- the pastors today are evil seducers!
- today is the dispensation of the grace of God, not all those dispensations pastors today call it!
- KJB Only preachers are part of the conspiracy against Paul to this day!
- there really are things I should KNOW and am expected to KNOW, and they are all from Paul!
- learning to 'try' to live Paul's manner of life! I am not expected to walk 'sinningless' under the fear of the severity of God but to enjoy the goodness of God it is the reasonable thing to do.
- knowing the truth about sin (noun) vs sinning (verb)!
- learning that to read the KJB for myself is not as difficult as pastors say!
- not going to a local church IF there is no local church teaching Paul in the manner Paul says it is to be done!
- throwing out pretty much all that I had been taught by pastors, institutes, personalities along with my retreats and bible studies I had attended enjoyed participated in, etc. but never read the KJB for myself.
- so much more...

The basic purpose of this bible study is simply for me to remind myself of those fantastic life-changing verses. Over the years, one can tend to forget the kindling that first started the fire – so I figured it is time to 'relight' my fire – and sure enough, reading these verses again remined me that my observations were correct. No doubt, it was worth what it cost in my life to go down this road – that the King James Bible is truly the inspired, preserved word of truth – known as the Holy Scriptures – and rightly dividing is how you take that King James Bible and make it the greatest influence in my life, my ministry, my past, my future – and in myself.

The Saviour that Paul takes me to is the Risen Saviour. I can never nor would I ever even consider going back to trying to be make myself *perfect by the flesh*. I will stay with the Spirit no matter what comes down the highway. (See **Galatians 1:1-3**) These past years, as tough and challenging they have been for me, and for many of you out there in webfamily-land, we have all come to

know more and more – and will continue to learn – what Paul means in II Timothy 3:11,12 - But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me ... what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. For me, these experiences have not been in vain!

Without a doubt, I AM NO PAUL – nor have I tried to be Paul. I never tried to imitate him – only follow him. Maybe someday I will be able to say a little of what he said at his end... But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 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. II Timothy 4:5-8

## **My Very First Ones!**

In the beginning, I had already spent a few years preaching the 'gospels' from an Independent Bible Believing Baptist church perspective. I had started to notice some differences in the apostolic doctrine when compared to Paul's doctrine. Then one day, I stopped ('parked' as the preachers called it) and thought about I Thessalonians 4:1. I suddenly realized who 'us' was and who 'us' wasn't. It was Paul and his fellow soldiers and soldierettes (See Romans 16) - it wasn't the apostles. It wasn't my pastor – it was supposed to me, myself and I that was supposed to be following Paul, as he was also a follower of the Risen Saviour. I would say it took me about a year or so to truly solidify my conclusion.

I immediately jumped into the "*I Paul*..." books. Eventually, I began to compare and contrast Paul's treachings with the teachings from the **Gospels** along with **Acts 1-8**. For me, 'sealed the deal' when my sermons then took on **Hebrews** to **Jude**. My conclusion was set in concrete by then. My understanding has continued since then – never faltering – never going backwards.

These are the verses that made it happen - and continue to make it happen - and have rekindled my fire, with whatever fire I can muster up during these latter times in my life.

(the underlining is my emphasis – these are main words that caught my attention)

I Thessalonians 4:1 - Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye <u>have received of us</u> how ye ought to <u>walk</u> and <u>to please God</u>, so ye would abound more and more.

I Corinthians 12:31b - ...yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Acts 18:24-26 - And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an <u>eloquent</u> man, and <u>mighty in the scriptures</u>, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in <u>the way of the Lord</u>; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and <u>taught diligently the things of the Lord</u>, <u>knowing only the baptism of John</u>. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him <u>the way of God more perfectly</u>. "Perfectly" meaning finished / complete – 'the rest of the story!'

Romans 16:25,26 - Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to <u>my gospel</u>, and <u>the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery</u>, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

Acts 13:47 - For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a <u>light of the</u> <u>Gentiles</u>, that <u>thou</u> shouldest be for <u>salvation unto the ends of the earth</u>.

Acts 26:17, 18, 20 - Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

II Timothy 2:16-18a - <u>Study</u> to shew thyself <u>approved unto God</u>, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, <u>rightly dividing the word of truth</u>. But <u>shun profane and vain babblings</u>: for they will increase unto more ungodliness...And their word will eat as doth a canker

#### **Goodness of God**

Romans 2:4 - ... despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

II Thessalonians 1:12 - That the <u>name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you</u>, and <u>ye in him</u>, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Know

I Corinthians 2:12 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Romans 8:1,8, 9 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which <u>are in Christ Jesus</u>, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. So then <u>they that are in the flesh cannot please</u> <u>God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.</u>

Now if any man <u>have not</u> the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Colossians 2:11,12 - In whom also ye are circumcised with the <u>circumcision made without hands</u>, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh <u>by the circumcision of Christ</u>: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through <u>the faith of the operation of God</u>, who hath raised him from the dead.

Colossians 3:1-4 - If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

- Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
- Galatians 2:19 For I through the law am <u>dead to the law</u>, that I might <u>live unto God</u>.
- Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but <u>Christ liveth in me</u>: and <u>the life which I now live in the flesh I live by</u> the <u>faith of the Son of God</u>, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
- Ephesians 3:1-4 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, <u>If ye</u> have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that <u>by revelation</u> he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
- Ephesians 3:5-7 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.
- **Ephesians 3:8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that <u>I</u> should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
- Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- Ephesians 3:10-12 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
- Ephesians 1:12b-14 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
- Galatians 1:15,16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

### **Towards Others**

II Timothy 2:24-26 - And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be <u>gentle</u> unto all men, <u>apt to teach</u>, <u>patient</u>, <u>meekness instructing those that oppose themselves</u>; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And <u>that they may recover themselves</u> out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Galatians 1:6-9 - I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

II Corinthians 11:1-4 - Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

I Timothy 1:3,4 - As I be sought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

#### Walk

I Corinthians 4:17 - For this cause have I sent unto you <u>Timotheus</u>, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, <u>as I teach every where in every church</u>.

2Ti 3:10 - But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, ...

## Today's Church continues to be Yesterday's Church, Not Paul's!

I Corinthians 13:8-11 - ... whether there be <u>prophecies</u>, they shall fail; whether there be <u>tongues</u>, they shall cease; whether there be <u>knowledge</u>, it shall <u>vanish away</u>. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But <u>when that which is perfect is come</u>, then <u>that which is in part shall be done away</u>. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Ephesians 4:14-16 - That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 5:30 - For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

#### Follow (not imitate)

- I Corinthians 4:16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye <u>followers</u> of <u>me</u>.
- I Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Philippians 3:17 - Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

I Thessalonians 1:6 - And ye became <u>followers of us</u>, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

## No such thing today as that 'spiritual' or 'magical' calling!

I Timothy 3:1 - This is a true saying, If a man <u>desire the office</u> of a bishop, he <u>desireth a good</u> <u>work</u>

## **Being Spiritual**

I Corinthians 14:37 - If any man think himself to be a prophet, or <u>spiritual</u>, <u>let him</u> acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

If you want to follow 'the commandments,' follow Paul's!

## Them / Including my bosses

I Timothy 6:1-3a / 3b - Let as many <u>servants as are under the yoke count their own masters</u> worthy of all honour, that the <u>name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed</u>. And <u>they that have believing masters</u>, <u>let them not despise them</u>, because they are <u>brethren</u>; but rather <u>do them service</u>, <u>because they are faithfull and beloved</u>, <u>partakers of the benefit</u>. These things teach and exhort.

#### If any man teach otherwise ...

...and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is <u>proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.</u>

Titus 1:15b-16 - ... unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but <u>even their</u> <u>mind and conscience is defiled</u>. They <u>profess</u> that they know God; but in works they <u>deny him</u>, being <u>abominable</u>, and <u>disobedient</u>, and <u>unto every good work reprobate</u>.

#### Words

Ephesians 4:29 - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

I Corinthians 15:33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

II Corinthians 2:17 - For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

Amos 8:11,12 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a <u>famine</u> in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but <u>of hearing the words of the LORD</u>: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

Psalms 119:130 - The <u>entrance of thy words giveth light;</u> it giveth understanding unto the <u>simple.</u>

Psalms 12:6,7 - The <u>words of the LORD</u> are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt <u>keep</u> them, O LORD, thou shalt <u>preserve</u> them from this generation for ever.

Psalm 138:2b - ... for thou hast <u>magnified thy word above</u> <u>all thy name</u>.

## **Simplicity**

II Corinthians 11:3 - But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the <u>simplicity that is in Christ</u>.

#### Music

Colossians 3:16 - Let the <u>word of Christ</u> dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in <u>psalms</u> and <u>hymns</u> and <u>spiritual songs</u>, <u>singing with grace in your</u> hearts to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:19 - Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making <u>melody</u> in your heart to the Lord;

Moses / David / Amos / Daniel

## "Rapture"

Romans 11:22 - Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

II Corinthians 4:3,4 - But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

II Timothy 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 <u>unto all them also that love his appearing.</u>

Titus 2:13 - <u>Looking for that blessed hope</u>, and the <u>glorious appearing of the great God and</u> our Saviour Jesus Christ;

#### **Future**

Philippians 3:13 - Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and <u>reaching forth unto those things which are before</u>,

Colossians 1:1-3- If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

#### **Understanding**

Colossians 2:2,3 - That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

#### **Abundantly**

II Corinthians 12:15 - And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

Ephesians 3:20 - <u>Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think</u>, according to the power that <u>worketh in us</u>,

Titus 3:4-7 - But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

#### Why Would Anyone Give Up and 'Go Back"

Galatians 5:1 - <u>Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ</u> <u>hath made us free</u>, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Galatians 5:7, Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

Galatians 1:6,7 - <u>I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel</u>: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would <u>pervert the gospel of Christ</u>.

#### Work of God

Romans 14:20 - <u>For meat</u> destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

Often the simple fact that we can chew spiritual meat will only offend those who can't.

#### Faith OF and Faith IN

Romans 3:22 - Even the righteousness of God which is by <u>faith of Jesus Christ</u> unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Galatians 2:16 - Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Philippians 3:9 - And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

#### **Gentile 'True' Circumcision**

Colossians 2:11-13 - In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

#### **Be A Soldier of Christ**

II Timothy 2:3,4 - Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

## Quickened, NOT "Born Again"

Ephesians 2:1-5-7 - And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:13-15 - And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; , Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Eph 2:8-10 - <u>For by grace are ye saved through faith</u>; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For <u>we are his workmanship</u>, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

#### I am Not Ashamed of Christ OR Paul

2Ti 1:8 - Be not thou therefore ashamed of the <u>testimony of our Lord</u>, <u>nor</u> of <u>me his</u> <u>prisoner</u>: but <u>be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel</u> according to the power of God;

The testimony of the Lord also includes his life and teachings AFTER He rose again!

#### Conclusion

### Wise in Their Own Conceits

The "conceited self-proclaimed love gospel believing Paul rejecting anti-KJB Christians who follow the teachings of the Earthly Pre-resurrected Jesus through their corrupt modern bibles as taught by their evil and seducing pastor who continues to wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived through their good words and fair speeches..." are simply wise in their own conceits.

These are people that don't get it, blindly continue to follow the **Gospels** along with **Acts 1-8**, **Hebrews, James, I II Peter, I II III John, Jude** and ignorantly reject the revelation of the mystery (**Ephesians 3**) through Paul. They are simply 'wise in their own conceits.' They are blind to the status of the Jews today versus the Gentiles. They have no clue. It will all be over for them after the rapture, when the fulness of the Gentiles be come in and the Gentile nation gets cut off and taken up (**Romans 11:22**)!

Romans 11:25 - For I would not, <u>brethren</u>, that ye should be ignorant of this <u>mystery</u>, lest ye should be <u>wise in your own conceits</u>; that <u>blindness in part</u> is happened to Israel, <u>until</u> the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.