

Paul's 7 Revelations from the Lord

God's School

- 1. CONVERSION TO CHRIST / *Setting*** - In unbelief as the popular anti-Christ leader on a road near Damascus. ***What is revealed*** - Sees the Lord and He is Jesus! ***Results*** – Confesses Jesus as Lord and is filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized. (Acts 9:2-6 / 17-18)
- 2. GENERAL SPHERE OF SERVICE / *Setting*** – Praying in the temple in Jerusalem. ***What is revealed*** – Jewish rejection of the message of Christ – he was then to go far away to the Gentiles (nations). ***Results*** – Crowd cried “away with him”. (Acts 22:17-22)
- 3. DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND GOSPEL / *Setting*** – Most likely in Arabia or Tarsus (unseen years) - either in the body or out of it, but caught up into the 3rd heaven. ***What is revealed*** – Some things he couldn't tell. Also he was given a revelation of the gospel of Christ whose terms of salvation is faith alone – and which matched the OT prophets. ***Results*** – Growth in the Lord's grace. He was committed to stand for the one true gospel against any deviation by whomever. (2Cor. 12:1-4 / Gal. 1:10-18 / Acts 17:2, 3)
- 4. SPECIFIC AREA OF SERVICE / *Setting*** – On missions in Troas. ***What is revealed*** – The need in Philippi of those open to the gospel. ***Results*** – Saw that a need in the other places did not constitute a call and so obeyed and went to Philippi. He suffered but saw God's hand in saving people and a church established. (Acts 16: 6-12)
- 5. ENCOURAGEMENT TO BE FEARLESS IN PROCLAIMING MESSAGE / *Setting***– In Corinth where he was rejected in the synagogue and had to meet with believers in a house. It was at night in the middle of persecution and blessing. ***What is revealed*** – To press on boldly for he would not be hurt as God would be with him. ***Results*** – He believed and stayed and saw more people saved and a church started. (Acts 18:4-11)
- 6. ENCOURAGEMENT THAT HE WILL REACH NEW SPHERES OF SERVICE / *Setting*** – At night in a castle in Jerusalem. He was a Roman prisoner because a mob was trying to pull him apart. ***What is revealed*** – To “be of good cheer” for he would indeed reach Rome as a witness for the Lord Jesus. ***Results*** – He reached Rome against all odds. As a prisoner in house custody he preached the gospel to all that came unto him and saw much fruit. Wrote instructive letters to the churches. (Acts 23:10-11 / 28:30-31 / Philp. 4:22)
- 7. WORD OF HOPE WHEN ALL HOPE WAS GONE / *Setting*** – A prisoner in a ship going to Italy – on the sea in a violent storm with reeling winds in darkness - no hope of being saved. ***What is revealed*** – God's angel stood by him and assured him all would be saved and he would indeed reach Caesar. ***Results*** – He believed God and in the shipwreck all were saved and Paul reached Rome – just as God said! (Acts 27:18-25)

It was Paul the apostle who wrote: “...*God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*” He also wrote: “*the gospel which was preached of me is not after man ... but by the revelation of Jesus Christ*”. And he also wrote to the church: “...*the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord*”.