

2. Faith and Life of Paul

1) Before Conversion

- (1) Paul was originally a Hebrew of Hebrews, from the tribe of Benjamin, and a Pharisee zealous for the law.
- (2) He persecuted the church and denied Jesus Christ.

2) Conversion on the Road to Damascus

- (1) Paul encountered the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus and was converted.
- (2) That encounter completely changed his life and led to his calling as a preacher of the gospel.

3) A Life Devoted to the Gospel

- (1) He gave up everything, even his life, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- (2) Despite many hardships and persecutions, he was never ashamed of the gospel and ran his race to the end.

4) Theological Conviction and Mission

- (1) Paul emphasized "justification by faith" and testified that salvation is by grace, not by the law.
- (2) His apostleship was marked by a special calling to bring the gospel to the Gentiles.

5) Paul's Final Years

- (1) He is believed to have been martyred in Rome while preaching the gospel.
- (2) His life is summarized in his confession:
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."(2 Timothy 4:7)