



ALL ABOUT THE APOSTLE PAUL

This sheet provides an overview of Apostle Paul, his life, and his most significant teachings.

This month, many churches around the world will celebrate the conversion of Apostle Paul. The exact historical date of Paul's conversion is not recorded in the Bible, and the choice of January 25 is based on later traditions.

Here is a spotlight celebrating who he was/what he did:

Who He Was: After a dramatic conversion, Paul became one of the early church's most influential leaders, traveling widely to share the message of Jesus. His letters to various churches form a significant portion of the New Testament and continue to shape Christian belief today.

His Conversion: Saul was a devoted Pharisee who believed Christians were threatening God's law, so he set out for Damascus with authority to arrest Jesus' followers. On the way, a heavenly light stopped him, and Jesus asked why he was persecuting Him. Blinded, Saul was led into the city, where God sent Ananias to pray for him. Saul's sight was restored, he received the Holy Spirit, was baptized, and began proclaiming the same Jesus he once opposed.

You can find the story of Saul's conversion in Acts 9:1-19, with Paul's retellings in Acts 22:6-16 and Acts 26:12-18.



What He Did:

- **He was a Great Writer:** Paul wrote 13 letters that are included in the New Testament. These letters, called the Pauline Epistles, helped the early churches understand how to follow God. Books such as Romans, Ephesians, and Philippians all come from his teaching.
- **He was a Missionary:** Paul took three major missionary journeys to tell people about Jesus. He traveled by ship and on foot, visiting many communities and helping start churches in places that are now part of Turkey and Greece.
- **He suffered for his faith:** Paul was arrested and beaten several times because he taught about Jesus. In Philippi and Jerusalem, he was put in prison. Later in Rome, he lived under house arrest, which meant he was not allowed to leave the home where he was kept.

- **How He Died:** Paul went to Rome hoping to speak to Caesar about the gospel. Instead, he was arrested again. History records that he was killed there because of his faith. He remained courageous and faithful until the end.

Why He Matters: Paul's life teaches us that God can transform any heart. Even though he once made wrong choices, he changed and followed Jesus. God used him to share the message of Christ across many places, and his letters still help people understand God's love today.