

# WHAT DO WE SEE IN PAUL?

**"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."**

**Philippians 4:9**

## **Introduction**

1. **To many, this may seem like such a bold statement. We often say, "Don't do as I do, do as I say!" But Paul said, "Do as I do!" That is, "Do those things you have seen in me."**
2. **What do we see in Paul?**
  - I. **A Christian.**
    - A. **This is a reference to those who follow Christ.**
      1. **Acts 9:22 – "But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ."**
      2. **Acts 26:28 – "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."**
    - B. **Being a Christian involves more than being identified by the name Christian. It involves our manner of living. (See Colossians 3:1, 2).**
    - C. **What about us?**
  - II. **A Christian who Endured Persecution and Trials**
    - A. **Consider Paul's varied trials (2 Corinthians 11:23-28).**
    - B. **But any trials we may face in this life are light and but for a moment, in comparison to the eternal weight of glory. or our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;" (2 Corinthians 4:17).**
    - C. **What about us?**
  - III. **A Christian who was a Debtor to all men**
    - A. **Why was Paul in debt? Because of what Christ had done for him. "I am debtor both to the**

**Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14).**

- B. Because Christ has paid a debt for us that we could not pay, we are all debtors to Christ**
  - 1. 1 Timothy 2:6 – "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."**
  - 2. Matthew 20:28 – "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."**
- C. What about us?**

**IV. A Christian who Respected the truth**

- A. Paul was willing to proclaim the truth to others, no matter what the cost.**
  - 1. Galatians 4:16 – "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"**
  - 2. 2 Timothy 4:2 – "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."**
- B. Paul was longsuffering in his efforts to proclaim the truth.**
- C. What about us?**

**V. A Christian who was Immoveable in his faith**

- A. Paul was determined to finish his course.**
  - 1. Acts 20:24 – "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."**
  - 2. 2 Timothy 4:7 – "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"**
- B. We ought to remain steadfast, knowing our labors are not in vain. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).**