# PRESENTING PAUL AS A PATTERN AN EXAMPLE OF GRACE LIVING

"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample."

- Philippians 3:17

## 1. Paul as a pattern - 1 Tim 1:16

- a. "thou hast fully known my doctrine, ..." 2 Tim 3:10
- b. "be ye followers of me" 1 Cor 4:16
  - i. "stewards of the mysteries... judged of no man" 1 Cor 4:1-4
- c. "be ye followers of me, ..as I also am of Christ" 1 Cor 11:1
- d. "be followers together with me" Phil 3:17

### 2. Paul's Doctrine

- a. Original, exclusive Gal 1:11-12; Rom 16:25
- b. Uncorrupt, sincere Titus 2:7
- c. Uncompromising 1 Tim 1:3; 2 Tim 1:13
- d. No man after the flesh 2 Cor 5:16
- e. Remain faithful, commit to faithful men 2 Tim 2:2, 7-8
- f. Avoid those who offend with contrary doctrine Romans 16:17-18

#### 3. Paul's Manner of Life

- a. Stand fast in the liberty Gal 5:1 (requires 2 Tim 2:15 "study... work")
- b. Mindful of distractions to the gospel 1 Cor 9:12, 26-27
- c. Servant to all 1 Cor 9:19-22
- d. Sacrifice liberty for profit(edification) of others 1 Cor 10:31-33
- e. Keep back nothing profitable Acts 20:18-21 \*\*\*\*Preacher secrets
- f. Mind heavenly things Col 3:1
- g. Forget the past, always press forward in Christ Phil 3:13-14
- h. Finances: work 2 Thess 3:7-10
  - i. Walk honestly, lacking nothing 1 Thess 4:12; 2 Cor 8:21

### 4. Paul's Purpose

- a. Magnify Christ through life and death Phil 1:20
- b. Forget the past and press on toward the high calling Phil 3:13-14
- c. Be fully persuaded you are accountable to God Romans 14:5-8
- d. Preach Jesus Christ according to the mystery ... −1 Cor 9:17; Col 1:27-29
- e. The eternal purpose is in Christ Eph 3:9-11
- f. Give glory to God in all things through Jesus Christ Eph 3:21; Rom 16:27