

Family

High-risk travels spread Gospel

This is my sixth article on the Apostle Paul's three missionary journeys. He was able to break all restrictions, crossing social, economic, religious, racial, and political barriers to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ across the Roman Empire.

In an earlier article, we saw how Paul worked wherever he went, establishing churches so the gospel would be shared and preached long after he had moved elsewhere. The three missionary journeys of Paul, which took approximately 12 years, are recorded in the book of Acts, written by Luke. Luke doesn't give a detailed account of the work in every place that Paul went, but gives readers only a broad view of how the Christian faith and churches developed. The first missionary journey was recorded in Acts 13:4-14:26. The second one can be found in Acts 15:36-18:22. The third one is found in Acts 18:23-21:14. To understand Paul and how the churches were begun, people should read these three sections in Acts. During this period, Paul traveled thousands of miles across the known world.

Paul's ministry stamped the name "Christian" on the world. Spiritually, he was a man of vision. He had heard a call from God to go to all men of all nations. He preached "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). He declared, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Paul realized the gospel was meant for all.

The doctrine he taught was that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, that Jesus was crucified for the sins of the world, that He was buried and was raised the third day, and that one day He would



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come a second time and establish the kingdom of heaven on earth.

He gave his best wherever he spoke, founding churches across the known world. He could speak at a moment's notice, and in every instance, he declared salvation as a gift from God to mankind.

Why was Paul so motivated? First of all, he believed God. He knew Christ as a living person. He wrote, "I know whom I have believed" (2 Timothy 1:12). He said, "For to me, to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). And second, he knew all the people that he came in contact with needed God's saving grace: "For all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Because of his faith and preaching, he suffered much as he traveled. Almost everywhere Paul went, he spent some time in jail. He must have had stamina, a strong constitution, and an iron will, and surely God was with him.

In 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 Paul writes of the hardships he faced: "Are they [false teachers in the church] ministers of Christ? - I speak as a fool - I am more: in labors ... in stripes ... in prisons ... in deaths often. From the Jews

five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; ... in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil ... in hunger and thirst ... in cold and nakedness - besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches."

When Paul wrote these words to the Corinthians, he was very careful to explain why he was "talking" this way. Paul never had any problem talking about Christ and His sufferings. But he always hesitated to speak of his own painful experiences as a servant of God.

It was the immature and unspiritual attitude of some of the Corinthians who forced Paul to write about these experiences while serving the Lord. He had begun this section (2 Corinthians 11:1) by apologizing for writing like this, and repeated this sentiment in 2 Corinthians 11:16. In 2 Corinthians 11:17, Paul was not denying the inspiration of his words but was admitting that by writing

about these experiences he was being very unlike the Lord. (See 2 Corinthians 10:1.) However, he had to do it to prove his love for the Corinthians and to protect them from those who would lead them astray.

It is interesting to examine Paul's travels, to look at a map of the cities he worked in, and to realize how his work established the Christian faith. This summer, my wife and I have been invited to trace Paul's route through Greece and Turkey. Going to those countries will be a source of spiritual insight for us.

There will be two or three more articles on the life of Paul. Next month, we will look at his return to Jerusalem, his arrest, and his subsequent trip to Rome for trial.

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VFW Auxiliary

Elva Livingston presided at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary meeting at the post home on Feb. 10, opening the meeting with prayer, followed with the patriotic instructions, the flag salute and a prayer for the missing in action and prisoners of war.

Membership applications for Helen Hagler and Teri Cloe were accepted. Correspondence, general orders and the president's message were read.

Community service reported projects for December included 26 volunteers and 126 hours of volunteer service.

Publicity chairman reported that the January meeting news appeared in the Colby Free Press.

Monetary donations were allowed for phone cards for veterans and Operation Uplink.

An initiation ceremony was conducted for Hagler.

The fee for cancer aid and research was raised to \$3 per member.

The national home prayer was offered and the meeting closed with the ritual prayer.

Next meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at the post home.

— Hazel Duffey

Bridge Club

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