

# How Paul Reached Out to the Lost

Introduction: I'm forever intrigued by Paul's success in reaching lost souls with the Gospel. But I don't think it was just about natural ability. He worked hard at it.

- I. Moving From Persecutor to Proclaimer
  - A. He was willing to change deeply felt emotions because of truth.
  - B. How we deal with self should be a barometer of how we deal with others.
  - C. He never lost sight of God's mercy. (1 Tim. 1:13-15)
- II. Compassion For His Nation
  - A. He understood their zeal, fervor, and fanaticism. (Rom. 10:1-4)
  - B. He swept nothing under the rug. (Rom. 2)
  - C. He knew they were lost and told them they were. (Rom. 10:1-4)
- III. Compassion For the "Barbarian"
  - A. He dismissed his completely Jewish upbringing.
  - B. He was willing to become "all things to all men." (1 Cor. 9:19-23)
  - C. He dumped all the Jewish regulations.
  - D. He confronted Peter for his lack of consistency. (Gal. 2:11-21)
- IV. Uncompromising Commitment to the Truth
  - A. He would not tolerate Judaizers. (Gal. 2:4-5)
  - B. He defended the Jewish conscience in Romans 14.
  - C. He defended the Gentile conscience in 1 Corinthians 8 & 9.
- V. Learning the Power of Weakness
  - A. He fell into the trap of thinking his personal power might make a difference. (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
  - B. He acknowledged the hand of God in seeming defeat for his ministry. (Phil. 1:12)
- VI. He Was Willing to Go to the Needy
  - A. Missionary Journeys.
  - B. Traveling gets old, really old.
  - C. The root of our word travel is "travail."