A Crisis Of Faith Pt2

St. Paul Pt2

GALATIANS 1:11-18

11. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of

Jesus Christ. 13. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

14. And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more <u>exceedingly zealous</u> of the traditions of my fathers. 15. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16. To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately <u>I conferred not with flesh and</u> <u>blood</u>: 17. Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I <u>went</u> <u>into Arabia</u>, and returned again unto Damascus. 18. Then <u>after three years</u> I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

AN ABSOLUTE [63-1201M]

Now we find that Paul, the rest of his life, had that for <u>a tie post</u>. He had met God, face to face, and was commissioned by God. What a tie post! <u>What an Absolute! That</u> <u>was the end of all arguments</u>. That was the end of everything for Paul. All strife, everything was gone. I don't care what the Pharisees said, the Sadducees said, or anybody else; he met God vindicated by the Word, <u>that settled it! That was the rest of his life</u>. Because he had seen God manifested, and had been proven to him that It was God, by the Word...

"<u>A crisis of faith</u> is a deep and painful questioning, loss, or transformation of belief. Commonly, the term is used in reference to a crisis of religious faith, such as doubt about the existence or doubt about the goodness of God, but it can also be used when faith in humanity, society, an institution, or belief in an ideology are in question, and <u>especially when an</u> <u>interconnected web of beliefs is challenged</u>. It may designate an individual's internal struggle with their own faith, or an era of collective struggle."

~ Wikipedia

I CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 4569

Saulos {sow'-los}

Paulos {pow'-los}

1) Saul meaning "desired"

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3972

1) Paul meaning "small or little"

<u>JOHN 3:16</u>

16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

PHILIPPIANS 3:3-14

3. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have *no confidence in the flesh*.

4. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

5. *Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;*

6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: <u>for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but</u> <u>dung, that I may win Christ</u>,

9. And be found in him, <u>not having mine own righteousness</u>, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10. That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, <u>forgetting those</u> <u>things which are behind</u>, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14. *I press toward the mark* for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

19. For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself <u>servant unto all</u>, that I might gain the more. 20. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21. To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: <u>I am made all things to all</u> *men, that I might by all means save some*.

23. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

HEBREWS CHAPTER THREE [57-0901M]

Now, just don't go away from church, today, and say, "Well, I kind of enjoy going down there. I like the singing, and the people are friendly around that little old church." Don't do that. Brother, let your heart become a flame, say, "Here, I got to do something about this. I got to get out and see if I can get somebody saved."

And don't go out, saying, "Bless God, if you don't repent, you're going to perish." No. Go at it gentle. "Be as wise as a serpent, as harmless as a dove." See, that's the way to go. Approach the person, if he's raising chickens, talk about chickens, to him, for a while. See? And then, first thing you know, you'll be talking about the Lord. If he's a farmer, talk about his farm.

If he sells automobiles, talk about his automobiles, for a while, "What nice cars you got," and so forth. See? Till you catch the Spirit, when Father says, "Now is the time to approach him about his soul."

You can wind it off, see, "That's a fine automobile. You know transportation, today, has become great. Oh, how the nations has been brought close together; and the cities of our nations, close together. Friends and mothers can visit each other. You know, it's a wonderful thing to have automobiles like you're selling."

"Yes, sir. It sure is. Uh-huh." You know, puffing on his cigar, or whatever it is. "Yeah, them, them is good cars."

"Did you ever think of what the old-timers would have thought if they'd seen something like that?" Just keep going like that, you know.

After a while, say, "Yep, yeah, sure is."

You know, another thing it does, it brings like we having, like in revivals. People can come across the country, quickly, for a revival." See, you're opening the way, all time, you know.

If you feel Something chock up the way, stop right there, move over here. Like a doctor said, out at Phoenix, said, "Lord, fill my mouth with good words, and then nudge me when I've said enough." You see? Yeah. "Nudge me when I've said enough."