

# From Saul to Paul

## His transformation and our own

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### Note 1: Chronology of Paul's Life

- 0 to 13 years: Tarsus: his birth and education (Acts 9:11-30; 11:25; 16:37; 21:39; 22:3 22:25-29)
- 13 to 18 years: Jerusalem: he becomes a disciple of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3)
- 18 to 33 years: Probably Tarsus and nearby: he develops as a rabbi, Works as a tent builder (Acts 18:3)
- 33 to 34 years: Jerusalem: he becomes a significant official in the Sanhedrin; he persecutes the Christian disciples (Acts (8:3; 9:1-2)
- 34 years: Road to Damascus: encounter with Jesus and conversion (Acts 9,1-19)
- 34 to 37 years: Damascus and Arabia: revelation from God; he flees due to Jewish persecution (Galatians 1,17, Acts 9:20-25)
- 37 years: Jerusalem: two week visit to the principal apostles, Peter, John and James; he flees due to Jewish persecution (Galatians 1:18-20; Acts 9:26-29)
- 37 to 46 years: Tarsus and nearby region: time of waiting and maturing (Galatians 1:21-22)
- 46-47 years: Ministry in the church in Antioch of Syria (Acts 11:19-26)
- 47-48 years: First missionary journey; he is sent from the community in Antioch to evangelize; he travels through Cyprus and Galatia (Central Turkey) (Acts 13:1 — 14:28)
- 49 years: Council in Jerusalem (Galatians 2:1-10; Acts 15:1-12)
- 50 to 52 years: Second missionary journey; by land through Cilicia, Galatia and Troas (Turkish regions today); crosses by sea to Greece; establishes communities in Philippi, Thessalonica and Athens; spends 18 months in Corinth; travels from the port city of Cencreas by sea to Ephesus and from there to Caesarea; returns to Antioch, passing through Jerusalem (Acts 15:36 — 18:23).
- 53 to 55 years: Third missionary journey from Antioch through Galatia, Ephesus (for a three year stint, including a time in prison) and Troas; travels by ship to Neapolis and from there by land to Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth and returns to Neapolis; from there to Troas by sea; then by ship to Mileto, Rodas, Patara, and finally Tyre; and by land to Jerusalem (Acts 18:24 — 21:16)
- 55 years: He is arrested in Jerusalem and processed in Caesarea (Acts 21:17 — 26:32)
- 56 years: Fourth missionary journey from Caesarea to Rome, as a prisoner (Acts 27:1 — 28:16)
- 57-58 years: Two years under house arrest in Rome (Acts 28:17-31)

Neither the book of Acts nor the epistles narrate the death of Paul. Ancient Christian testimonies tell of his martyrdom during the reign of Nero. It is likely that he was freed from prison in Rome in the year 58 A.D., that he traveled to Spain, that he was again arrested and that he finally died as a martyr during the great persecution toward the end of Nero's reign (from 64 to 67 A.D.)