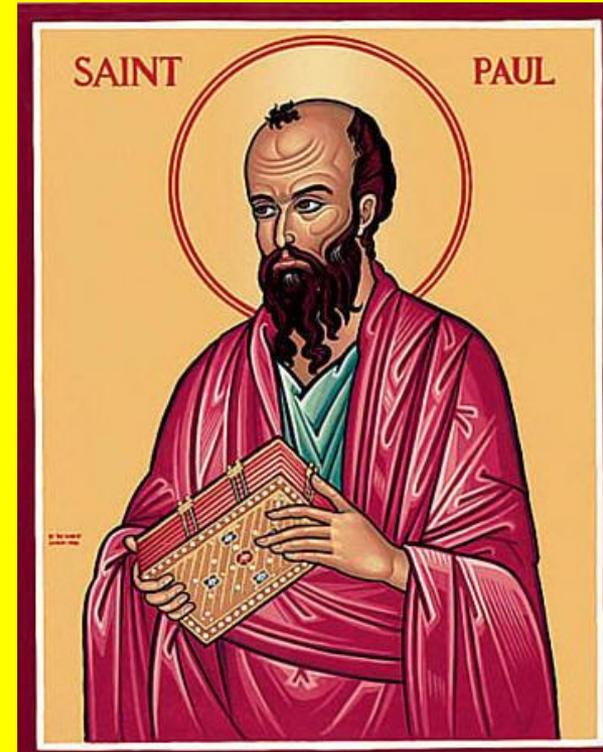


Summary of the life of Saint Paul



Saint Paul represents a unique personality among the apostles

- His conversion , the depth of his knowledge and understanding of the O.T
- His zeal to spread the Good News to everyone
- His continuous battle with the false teachers
- His teaching about Christ
- His fervent life

- He was born to a Jewish family in Tarsus of Cilicia.
- He was given the name of Saul (Hebrew) and Paul (Roman)
- He was from the tribe of Benjamin , circumcised on the 8th. day according to the Law of Moses , a Hebrew , and Pharisee (Phil. 3:5)

- According to the Jewish traditions each one have to have a trade . The trade of Saul was tent making (Acts 18:3)



- He was very zealous to the religion of his fathers and the traditions of his nation (Gal. 1:13-14) , so he proudly guarded the clothes of the fanatics who stoned St. Stephen.(Acts 7:58) .
- But beyond any doubt the last words of St. Stephen touched deeply in his heart and prepared him to accept the message of Jesus when he appeared to him.

- He took orders from the High Priest to kill and torture the believers in Damascus. On his way the Lord of Glory appeared to him and touched his heart . He was converted and received his sight when St. Ananias put his hand on him. He was baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.(Acts 9: 1-22)

