

Paul's Obsession

"... Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus." Acts 18:5 (English Standard Version)

The "Mavens" love _____; Paul loved _____.

Some Thought Paul Was Mad

A. Acts 26 - Paul speaks to King Agrippa:

1. 26:22,23 - Christ must _____ and _____ from the _____.
2. 26:24 - Festus - "You are _____ of your _____!"
3. 26:25,26 - "I am speaking _____ and _____ words."
4. 26:27-29 - Paul desired that _____ might become like _____.

B. Preaching Christ despite "conventional wisdom":

1. Mark 15:31,32 - The _____ leaders thought it crazy to say the Man on the _____ was the _____.
2. 1 Corinthians 1:22-24 - Preaching Christ _____ was a _____ - _____ to the Jews, and _____ to the Gentiles. But Christ is the _____ of God and the _____ of God.

C. Galatians 1:23 - He once tried to _____ the faith; now he is _____ it! Why?

Why Paul Was Obsessed With The Crucified Christ

A. **Because he saw who Jesus is:**

1. Acts 17:2,3 - He _____ from the Scriptures, proving it was necessary for the Christ to _____ and _____.
2. Acts 18:5 - Paul was _____ with the word, showing that the _____ was Jesus.

B. **Because of his deep gratitude:**

1. Luke 7:41-43 - Those who are forgiven of _____ will _____ much.
2. 1 Timothy 1:12-14 - Paul knew he had been _____ of much. The Lord's grace _____ for him.

C. **Because of love:**

1. 2 Corinthians 5:14,15 - "The _____ of Christ _____ us."
2. Romans 9:1-3 - He also felt a deep love for his _____ according to the flesh - the _____.

Will we be _____ when Jesus summons us to _____ or _____? Will we go _____ with _____?

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