Paul’s Six Steps To Grace

Paul in his letter to the Romans, teaches the necessity of six steps of obedience to the good news preached by Jesus...

The passages below contain Paul's words in Romans, and the words of Jesus in the four gospels. Check them out in your own Bible.

1. Hearing Christ's word
   (Romans 10:8-17, Matthew 7:24).

2. Believing — having faith
   (Romans 1:16-17, John 3:16)

3. Repentance from sin
   (Romans 2:4-5, 6:1-2, Luke 5:31-32)

4. Confessing Christ
   (Romans 10:8-10, Matthew 10:32)

5. Being baptized
   (Romans 6:3-4, Mark 16:15-16)

6. Ongoing commitment

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Paul That Amazing Man

In his letters, Paul reveals much about himself. Learning more about Paul the man, helps us to better understand his letters. What does his letter to the Colossians tell us about him?

A Humble Man

The first word in the letter is the name of its author: Paul (Col 1:1). This was not his original name. It was "Saul" (Acts 7:58, 8:1). Saul was also the name of the Benjaminite who became first king of Israel (1Sam 9:15-17). Paul was also a Benjaminite (Php 3:4-5), and his given name was Saul, the same name as the king of old.

The name "Paul" comes from the Latin for "little" (the root of our English words "pauper" and "paucity"). To give up the kingly name Saul and take up the name Paul meaning "little", shows humility.

But Paul is the more humble, for he does not stop at the name: he writes, "I Paul a servant..." (Col 1:23,25). Note that the word "minister" means servant.