Our Roots

Paul's Resume

We would all like the Church to grow

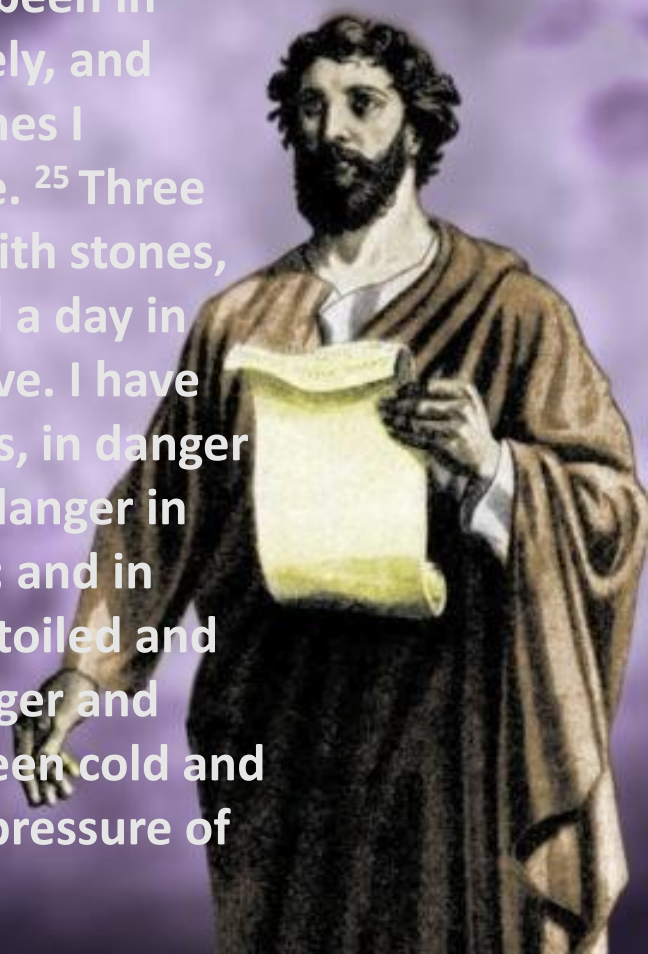
Paul's Resume

2 Corinthians 11:18-28

18 Since many are boasting in the way the
world does, I too will boast. 19 You gladly put
up with fools since you are so wise! 20 In fact,
you even put up with anyone who enslaves
you or exploits you or takes advantage of
you or puts on airs or slaps you in the face.
21 To my shame I admit that we were too
weak for that!
Whatever anyone else dares to boast
about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare
to boast about. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am
I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they
Abraham's descendants? So am I.

2 Corinthians 11: 18-28

[23] Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. [24] Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. [25] Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, [26] I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. [27] I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. [28] Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.



Paul's Resume

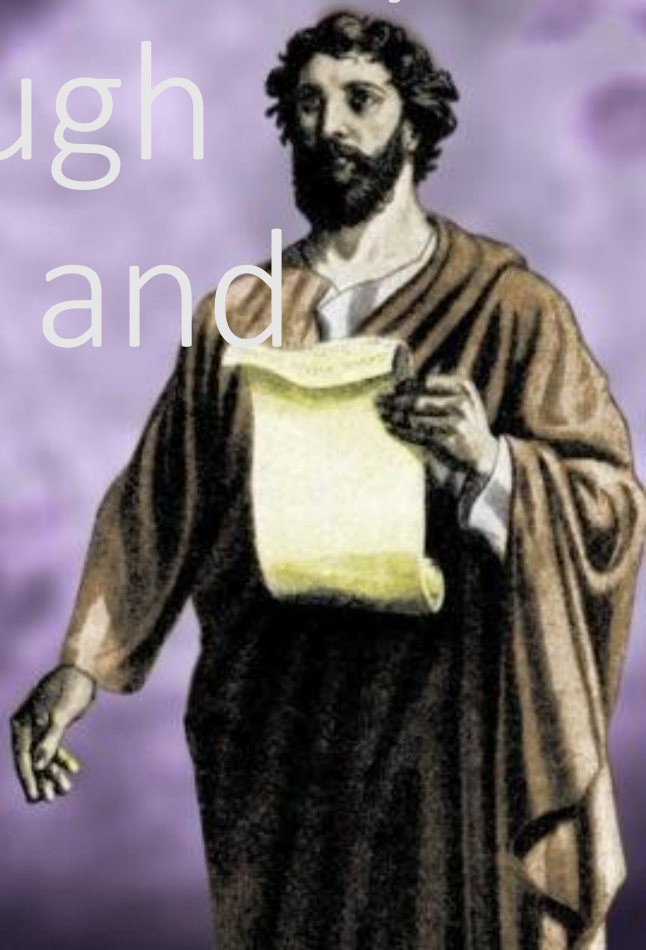
- Whipped with 39 lashes
- Pummeled with stones
- Adrift at sea
- Danger from robbers
- Danger from Gentiles
- Danger in the wilderness
- Danger from false teachers
- Sleepless nights
- Cold and exposed

Paul's Resume

- Beaten with rods
- Shipwrecked
- Danger from rivers
- Danger from Jews
- Danger in the city
- Danger at sea
- Toil and hardships
- Hungry and thirsty
- Pressure of anxiety for all the churches

How does you resume stack up

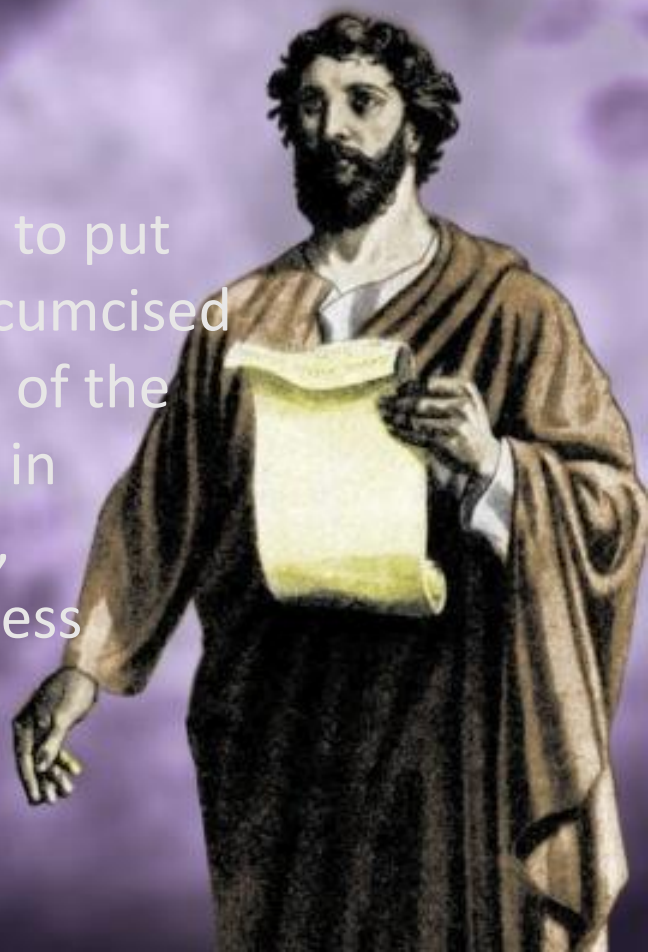
The Church is literally grown through blood, sweat and tears



Paul's other resume

Philippians 3:4-6

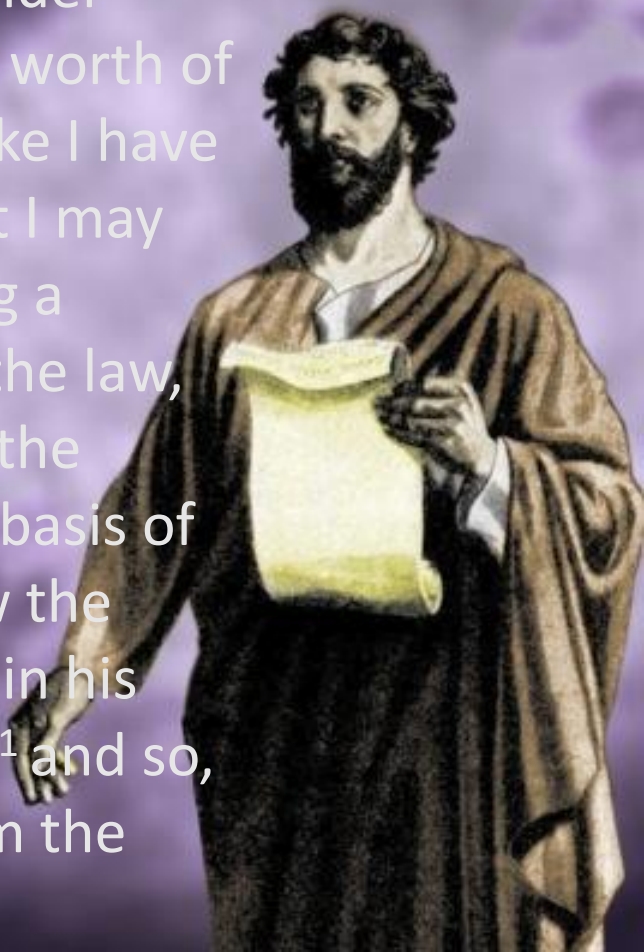
4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence.
If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.



Paul's perspective

Philippians 3:7-14

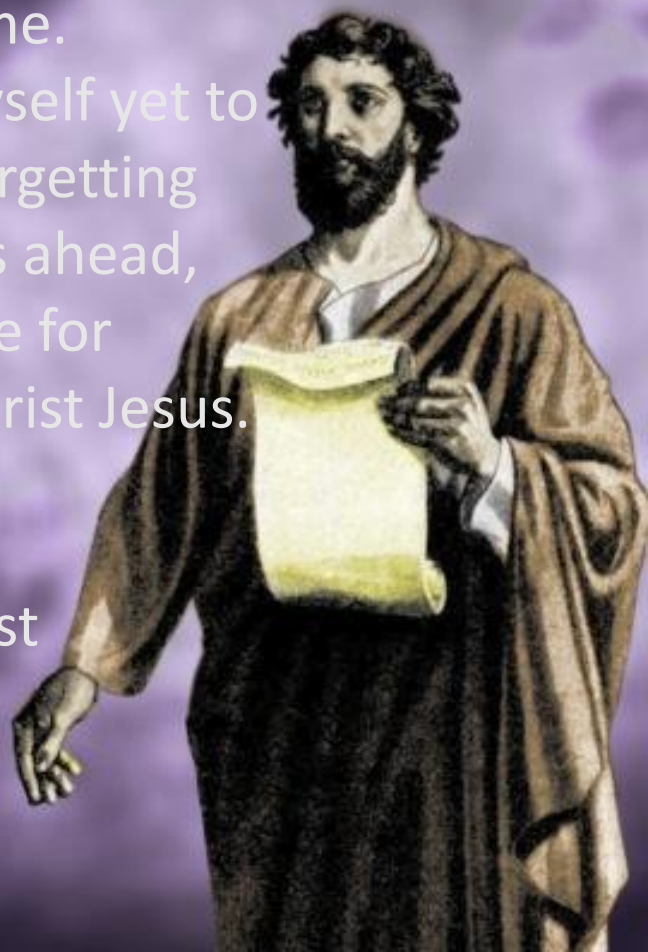
7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss
for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider
everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have
lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may
gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from the law,
but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—the
righteousness that comes from God on the basis of
faith. 10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the
power of his resurrection and participation in his
sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so,
somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the
dead.



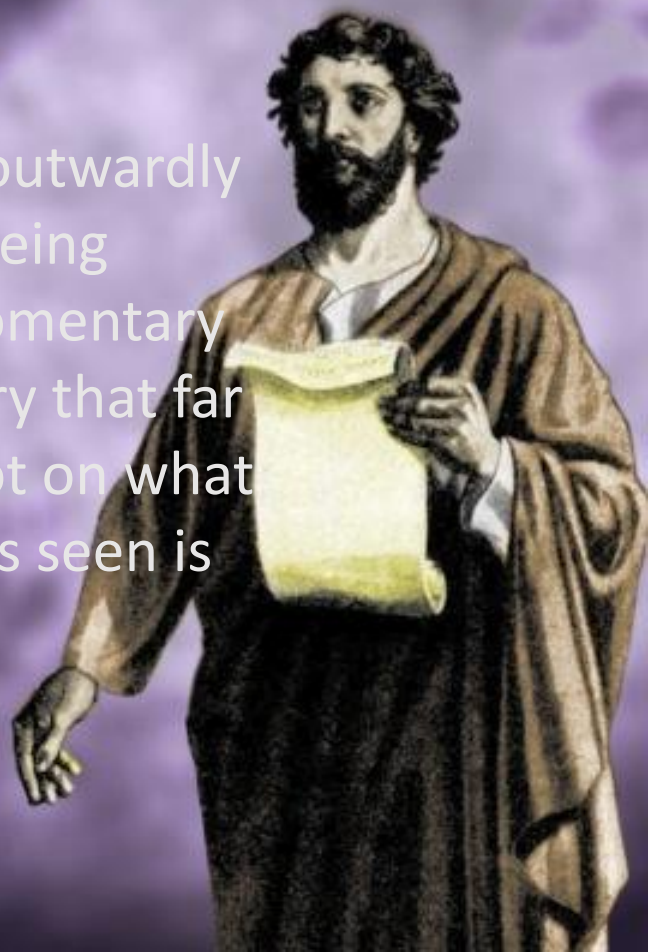
Paul's Perspective

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:21 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.



What our perspective must be

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal