PAUL'S MANNER OF LIFE
Acts 18:18-23

INTRODUCTION:

A. As we think of Paul, it is usually, Paul the Apostle
   1) Accused, convicted, beaten, brutalized
   2) He did suffer greatly but there were many other aspects of
      his life, unknown to us.

B. Paul wrote to Timothy of his, "manner of life"
   II Timothy 3:10-11
   1) "manner" = hagoge = "mode of life", "lifestyle"
   2) Paul had a consistency to his life

C. We are not Apostle Pauls
   1) Only one in the history of the church
   2) His lifestyle is important to us

I. Paul Did Not Live As Hectically, As Some Imagine vs. 18a

A. Time did not tyrannize him
   1) "And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while"
      prosmeno = "to remain at a place"
   2) "and then took his leave of the brethren"

B. Jesus was a creature of time
   1) He lived quietly, never seeming to hurry
   2) He lived with patience, waiting His "hour"

II. Paul Had a Time For Private Devotion vs. 18b

A. "Having shorn his head in Cenchrea:"
   1) "shorn" = keiromai = "to have one's hair cut"
   2) He had let his hair grow long

B. "For he had a vow"
   1) "vow" = euch = "vow" = A temporary Nazarite vow of thirty
      days during which abstinence from wine was practiced and
      the hair was not cut. The cutting of the hair marked the
      termination of the vow.
   2) David vowed vows. Psalm 116:18- "I will pay my vows unto
      the Lord now in the presence of His people."
   3) One should vow carefully. Eccles. 5:4 "When thou vowest a
      vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure
      in fools: "pay that which thou hast vowed."

III. Paul Was Committed To Preaching vs. 19-20

A. He had not forsaken the Jews
   1) vs. 6 "from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles"
   2) He still kept their feasts vs. 21
B. His preaching at Ephesus again had one stipulation
   1) "but I will return unto you again"
   2) "if God will" James 4:15 - "For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that."

IV. Paul Had a Great Love For Churches

A. He went to Jerusalem vs. 22a
   1) He saluted the church
   2) hastazomai = "to draw to one's self"

B. He went down to Antioch vs. 22
   1) This was a church of greatness
   2) They, "sent him forth" 13:2-4

C. He went to many churches vs. 23
   1) "in order" = kathexes = "successively", systematically", "definite schedule"
   2) "strengthening" = episterizo = "to set fast upon", "fix firmly upon", "to establish"
   3) "making the disciples strong in the faith"

V. All Of God's People Have A Manner Of Life Luke 6:46

A. People know us by the way we live
   1) Our words are believable
   2) Our manner of life undeniable

B. Our lifestyle should consist of two equal parts—Luke 6:47-49
   1) listening
   2) doing