**CHARACTER CHANGES IN THE LIFE OF PAUL**

**SAUL**

Adversary of Christianity

Rigid observe of Jewish Law

Strict view of Judaism

Exclusivity

Transformation

About face

Repent

Highly prejudiced

Self-righteous

Constant conflict

Defended Jewish faith to

Point of persecuting mem and

Women

Practiced the ‘letter’ of the law

Ritual

Without ‘the spirit’

Pharisees didn’t belief in inward experience, but a meticulous performance of technique in ritual

Brilliant scholar: taught by Gamaliel

Intellectual

Put on the new man

Scholastic

Filled with ego, self-righteous

Lover and great expounder of the Law

**PAUL**

Strong advocate of Christianity

“’what will you have me to do?” humility

Revelation on the Road to Damascas

He was born again, created anew

Saw Jesus as fulfillment of prophecy

Must have been moved by Stephen’s defense: his inner peace and forgiveness at the end

Act of God – penetrated the inner most core of his being

“gained the spirit of Christ”

total repentance and transformation

great courage

forsook all - his occupation, respect of community, career, family, laid them down like an old garment

willing to give up his life

he believed this call came from God to preach Christ to the Gentiles