

For the Sake of the Church – Colossians 1:24-25

I. Paul's Sacrifice for the Church

1. Paul was exceedingly _____ for the traditions of the Jews. (Galatians 1:13–14)
2. Paul gave up his status as a _____ among the Jews. (Acts 23:6)
3. He had authority to put Christians in _____ and take them to Jerusalem to be _____, but he gave up this power. (Acts 22:4–5)
4. After his conversion, Paul said, “All things were gain to me, these I have counted _____ for _____.” (Philippians 3:7)
5. Paul sacrificed his safety and comfort because of his deep _____ for the church. (2 Corinthians 11:23–28)
6. He told Timothy that the time of his _____ is at hand, and would soon give his life for the cause of Christ. (2 Timothy 4:6–8)

II. Jesus' Sacrifice for the Church

7. Jesus sacrificed His place (status) with _____. (Philippians 2:5–7)
8. Jesus sacrificed His spiritual body and became _____ and lived on earth. (John 1:14)
9. Jesus sacrificed His comfort because He had nowhere to _____ His _____. (Matthew 8:20; Luke 9:58)
10. Jesus sacrificed His own _____, and in humility died on the cross. (Matthew 26:39; (Philippians 2:8)
11. Jesus purchased the church with His own _____. (Acts 20:28)
12. Unlike the blood of sacrificial animals, the blood of Christ was without _____. (Hebrews 9:14)

III. What Have I Sacrificed for the Church?

13. There are times that I will need to sacrifice my _____. (Ephesians 5:15–16)
14. I may have to sacrifice some _____ time for the church. (Matthew 19:29)
15. I must be willing to _____ my possessions for the benefit of the church. (1 Tim. 6:18–19)
16. I must present my body as a _____ sacrifice in God's service. (Romans 12:1)