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SUBJECT: The Religious
Schooling of Paul

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And so Saint Paul of Tarsus.

From first day of existence a religious atmosphere surrounded the child of Jewish parents. The Talmud: Rabbi Jannai: "Knowledge of the law may be looked for in those who have studied it in their mother's womb."

1. Deeply significant rite of circumcision, 8th day, admitted them to the chosen family of God.

2. Pre-school: the prayers, hymns, domestic rites, feasts, indefinitely express the young mind.

(1) Mid-winter, Feast of Dedication, 1st night, 1 candle; 2d night, 2 candles; so on until 8 lights. Commemorating dedication of the Temple, its purification, restoration of services, by the long-bitter Judas the Macabaeus.

(2) Early spring - Many times of Purim - deliverance under Esther.

(3) Passover - rite of family to Jesus at home, sign & celebration of all leaving away death.

(4) Pentecost - First fruits, Weeks (7x7) First fruits.

(5) New year, autumn. The account in *Book of Books*.

(6) Day of Atonement Fast.

(7) Feast of Tabernacles. Strange, happy booths. Wilderness, law, joyful harvest.

3. School.

After 5 or 6, to school, whenever a Jewish community, a school. Unlawful not to have a school.

(1) Up to 10 - the Scriptures alone. Only till 10

(2) 10-15. The Mishnah, oral law, traditions

(3) after 15, the Gemara, Talmud, those theological discussions that occupied the time and attention of the high academies of the Rabbis.

At age 12 became "son of the commandment"
"of the Torah." First Passover after his 12th birthday, took
up to the Passover at Jer. So Jesus.

~~Sadducee Pharisee~~
At this age = 10-13: Paul sent to Jerusalem. Target
schools & the Pharisees. His father & Pharisee, his teacher
Pharisee. Thus training went on it: Act 23:6
"36:5
Phil 3:4,5

~~two PARTIES RELIGIOUS~~
the Sadducee - materialist. [liberal, modernist.]
the Pharisee - believed the Scriptures angels, spirits,
heaven, hell, ...

The age, days, Paul: The Pharisee, scribbles, lawyers were
growing into a more important body than the priests, Levites. The
latter destroyed in extinction of temple worship. Rabbis supplanted
the civil religion of the Jews.

~~Two GREAT PHARISEE SCHOOLS~~
Two great Rabbinical schools: Hillel, Shammai. Decided by
the Jews as the seven wives they were granted by the Greeks.
Hillel - upheld the laws of the Tradition as more superior to the law.
Shammai - despised the Tradition when it clashed with man.

Hillel by far the most influential. Most eminent exponent
of this school, Benjaiel - Act 22:3 - Paul, teacher. Hillel the father
of Simon (who became later Jesus?) and son the father of Gamaliel.
His learning so eminent, character so revered he is one of the many
who alone among doctors the Jews has been honored with the title of
Rabbi. Died about 18 years before death of J. Jesus. - about the
time Paul was born or married.

The teaching oral. The only text written - the Scripture.

1. The Rabbis living the scroll, case, taught on feet of Jesus, David.

Knew the Scripture - Jesus, Paul, Apostles.

Pascal's appeal, Eph. 6:4

g. Samuel Barber, Brook, herding his servants. Elevated
environment, not worthy, but a chasm, where a government,
soldier, a cannibal, a centaur, a mount & a serpent, speak
Egyptian, Chinese. - depends upon the sky.

The importance, the ^{strength} ~~body~~ in the dome
church.

(a) The young woman to the mission field. "But
I am not good. my mother ...
my father ...
my friends ...
my old teacher ...
my church ...

(b) In his auto biography, Dr. Henry C. Marie,
for many years secretary to the American Baptist Foreign
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