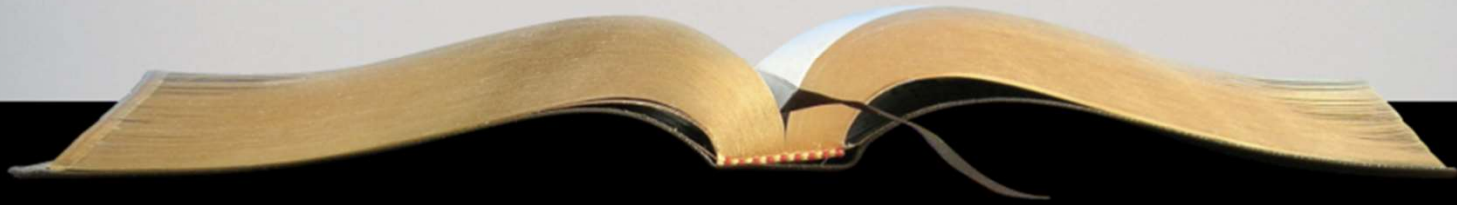


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Lesson 6
Saul's Conversion (change**)**

(Acts 8-9)



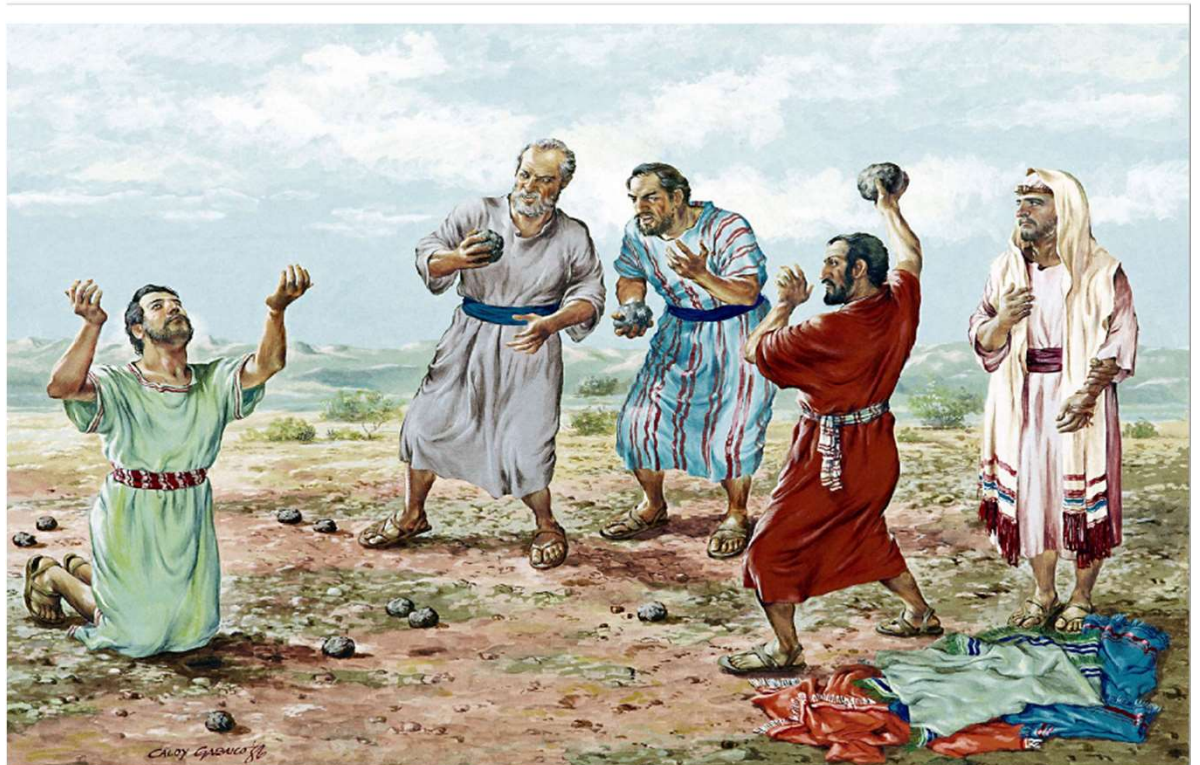
1. Saul Persecuted (**attacked**) the Church.



Saul
helped Kill
Stephen.

(Acts 8:1-3) After Stephen's death, the Jews and Saul continued persecuting Christians in Jerusalem.

*Saul was the leader of the persecutions; he put Christians in jail.



2. Persecuted Christians Witnessed About Jesus in Many Different Places.



(Acts 8:4)

Saul tried to destroy Christians in Jerusalem, so many Christians left Jerusalem.



(Acts 8:5)
Philip was a
deacon who
left Jerusalem
and **preached**
the **Gospel** in
Samaria same
as Jesus
commanded
[Acts 1:8].

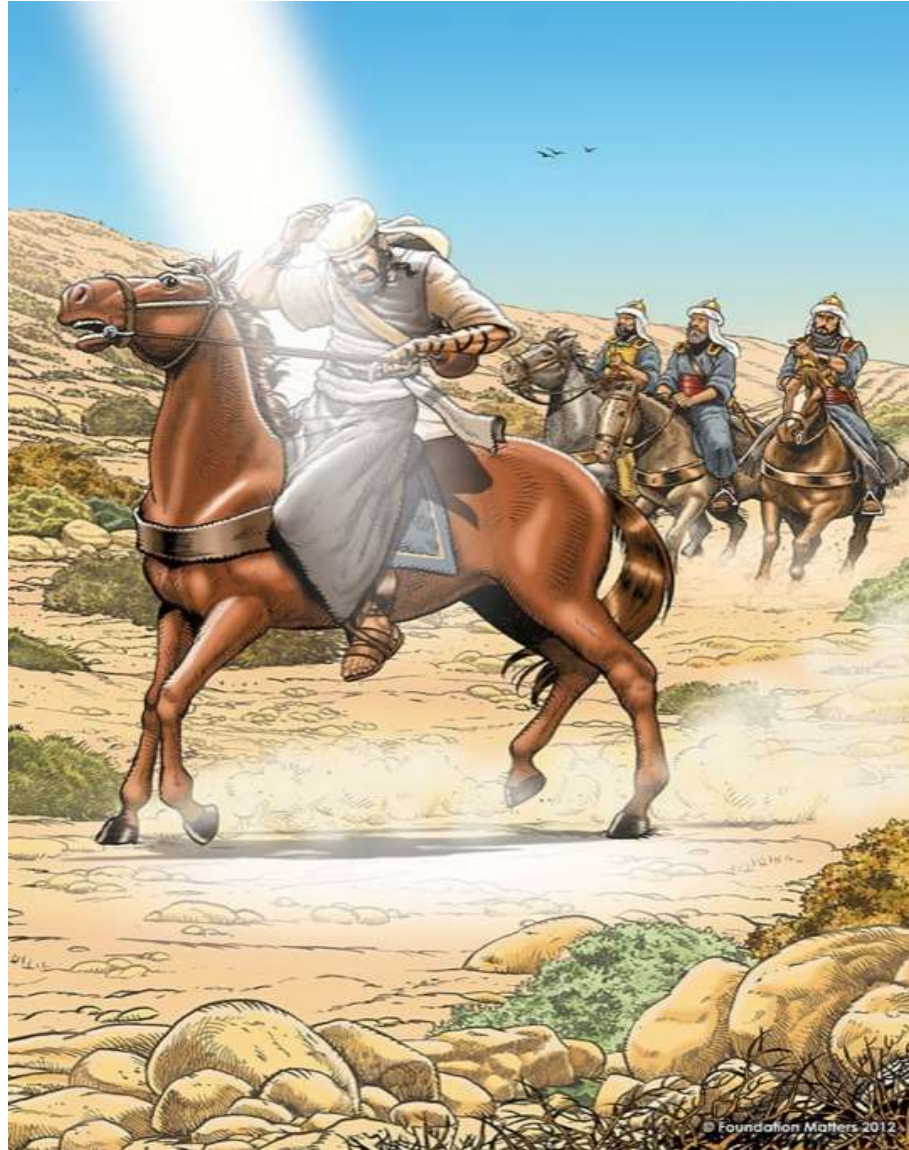


(Acts 8:6-8)

The Samaritans were NOT Jews, but they believed the Gospel and many were saved!



3. Jesus Met Saul.



(Acts 9:1-2)

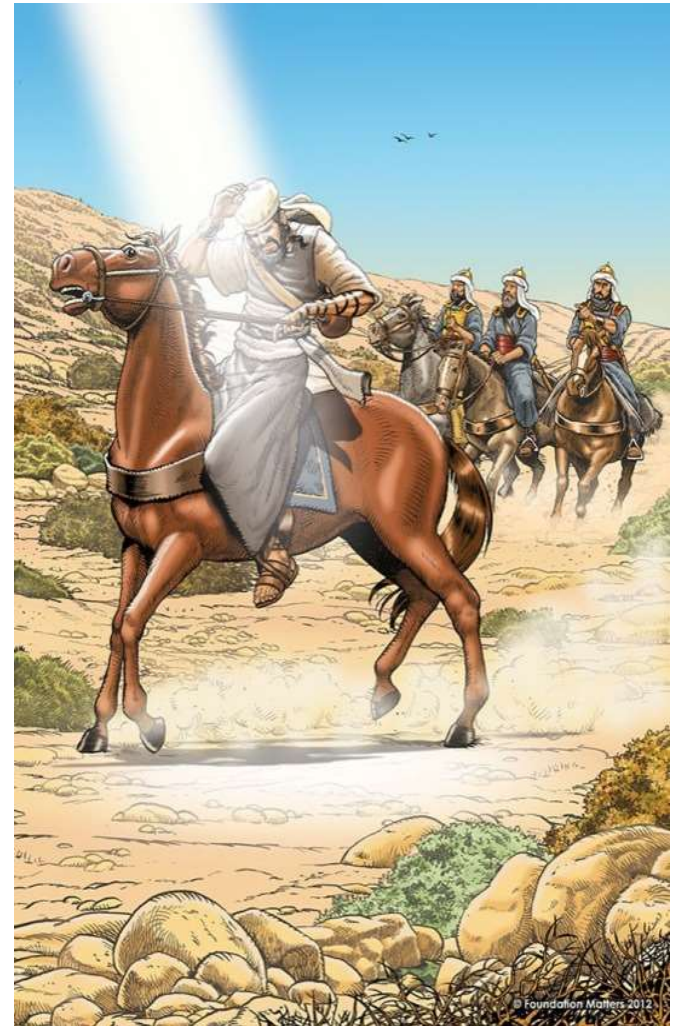
Saul continued
to persecute
Christians in
Jerusalem, then
Saul wanted to
go to Damascus
to persecute
Christians more.



(Acts 9:3-9) As Saul went to Damascus, a bright light shone upon Saul.

*Jesus met him.

*Now Saul knew for sure that Jesus had risen from the dead and that Jesus was truly the Son of God and the promised Savior.



(Acts 9:3-9)

The light blinded Saul, and Jesus told him to go and wait in Damascus.

*Saul waited very humbly for three days.



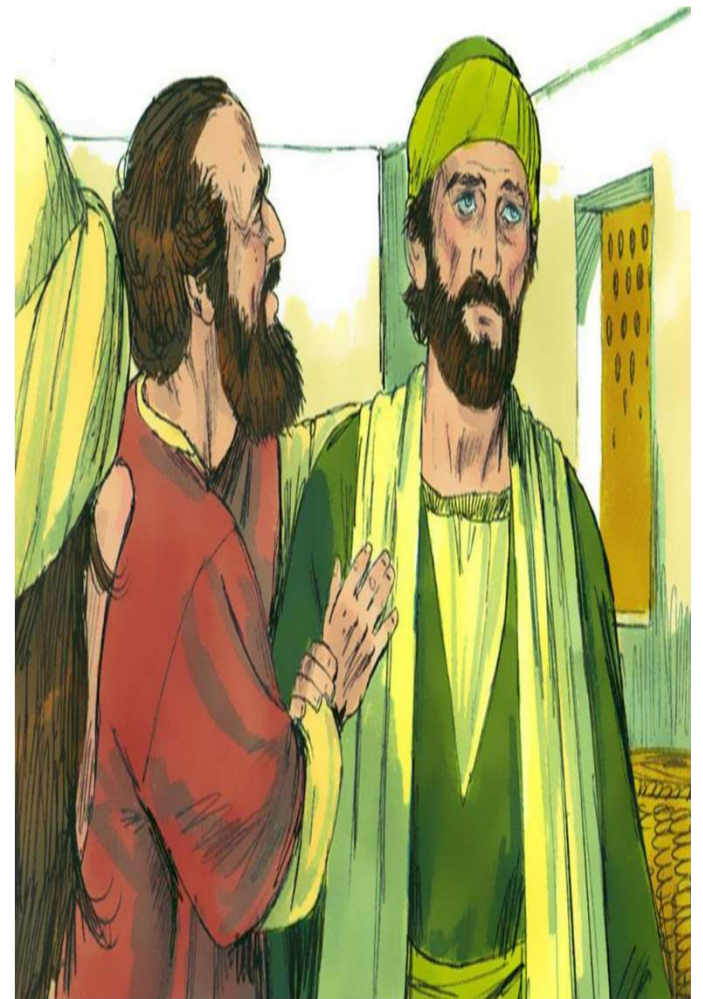
4. God Sent Ananias to Saul.



(Acts 9:10-14)

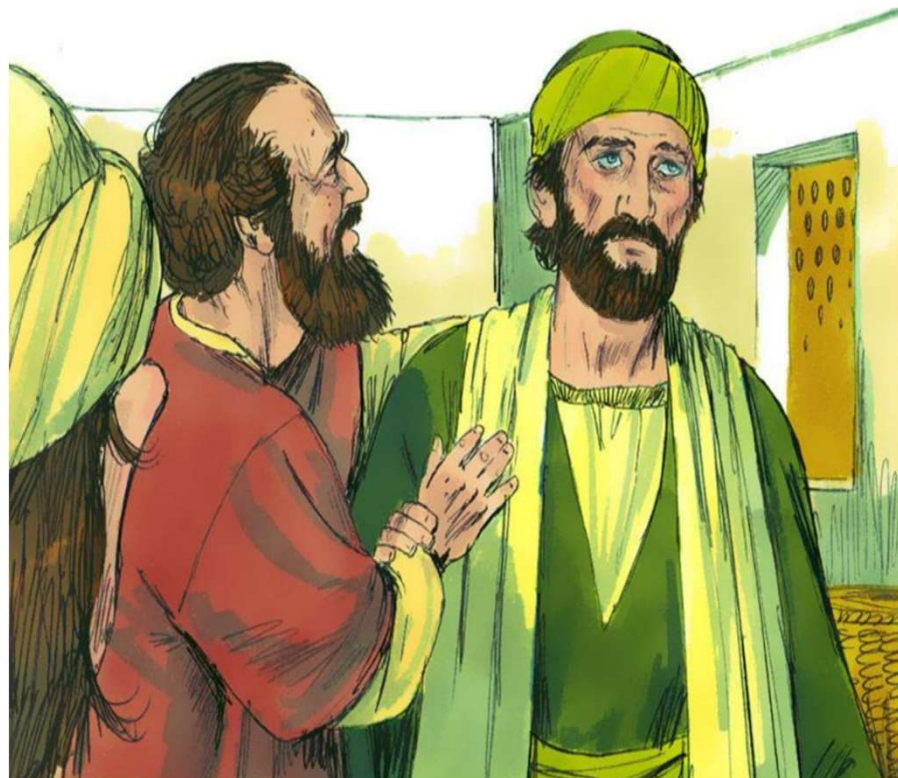
In a vision (**dream**) the Lord told a Christian named Ananias to go find Saul and to heal him—giving him sight.

*Ananias was afraid to meet Saul because Saul was famous for persecuting Christians.



(Acts 9:15-16)

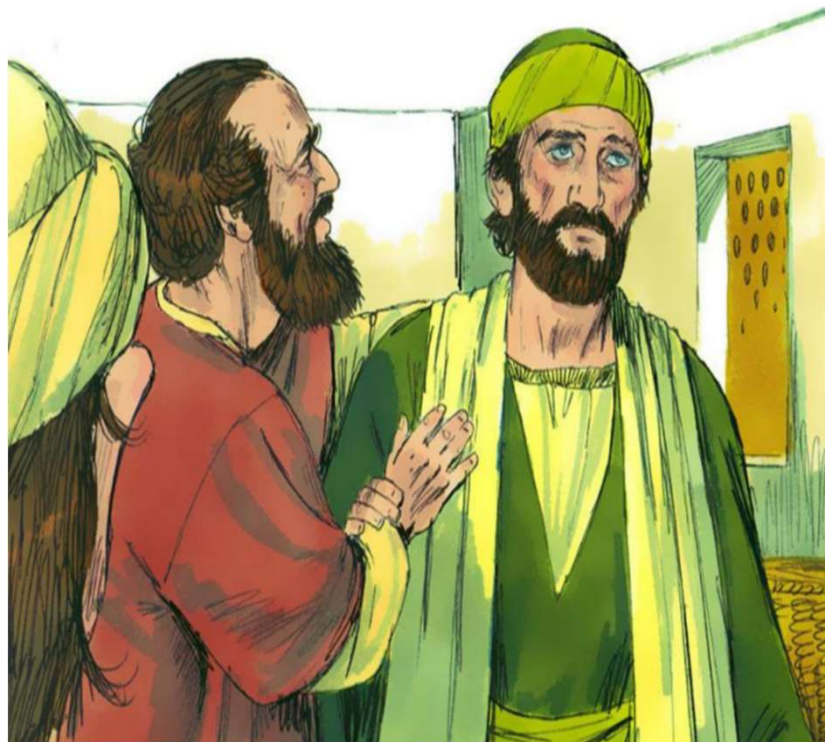
God told Ananias that He had chosen Saul to be His special servant (**apostle**) to preach the Gospel to Gentiles, Jews, and Kings.



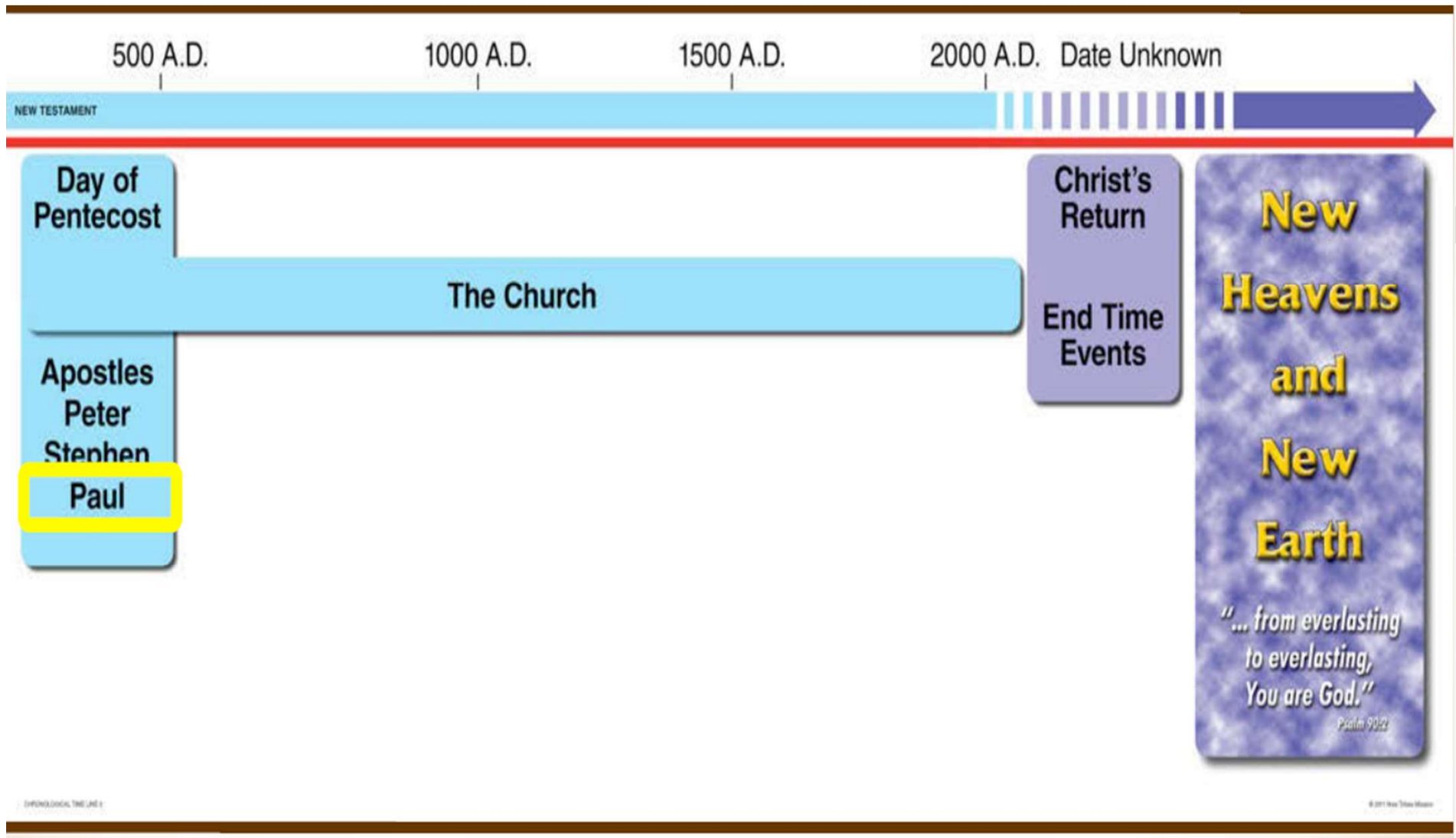
(Acts 9:17-19)

Ananias obeyed God and met Saul.

(18) And immediately... he (Saul) received sight forthwith (quick), and arose, and was baptized.



Saul's Roman name is Paul.



5. Saul Began Preaching Jesus to All.



(Acts 9:20-22) Saul immediately began to preach the Gospel in Damascus.

The people were amazed that Saul, who before persecuted Christians, now became a Christian.

*The Jews could not answer Saul's preaching.



Saul knew the Old Testament Bible very well.

***Saul went to best college and had best teacher of O.T. Bible.**

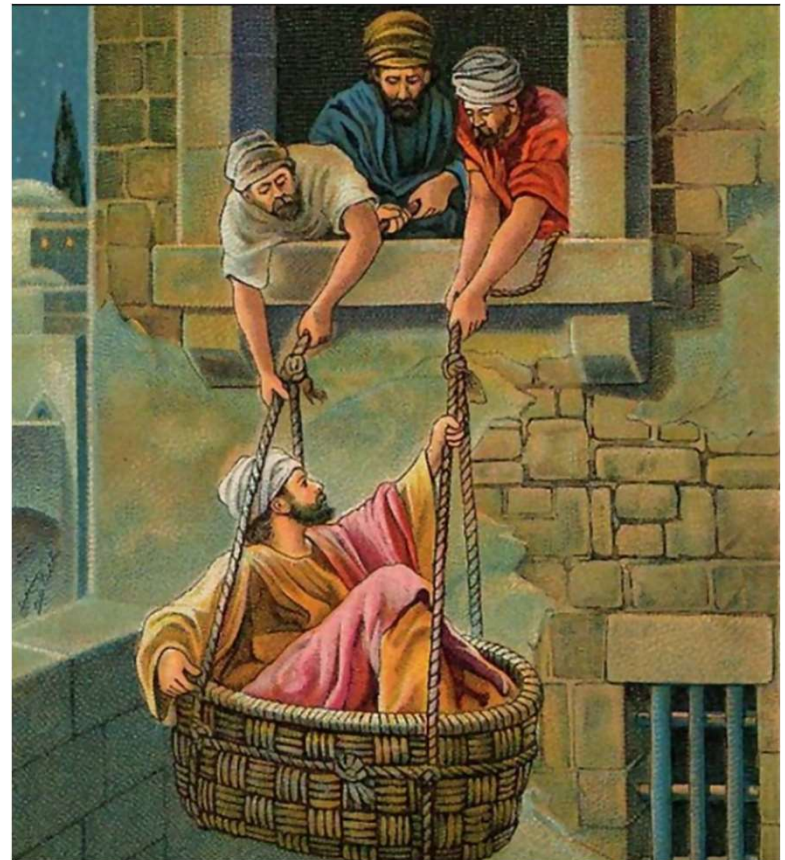


***Saul taught his friends and all people that the O.T. Bible prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus. Paul taught that Jesus was the promised Savior of the O.T.**

(Acts 9:23-25)

Because the Jews could not answer
Saul, they tried to kill him.

*Saul escaped Damascus by going over
the wall in a basket.



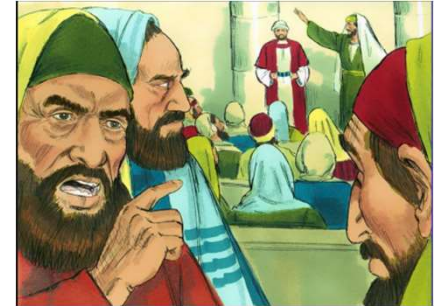
(Acts 9:26)

Saul returned to Jerusalem and wanted to meet the apostles, but they were afraid of Saul.

* Barnabas told the apostles of Saul's change and helped Saul meet with them.



(Acts 9:29) Saul preached in Jerusalem, and the Jews tried to kill him.



*Saul escaped to his home place in Tarsus.





Christians helped Saul to escape.

(Acts 9:30)

*Which when the brethren (**Christians**)
knew (**plan to kill Saul**), they brought him
(**Saul**) down to **Caesarea**, and sent him
(**Saul**) forth (**go**) to **Tarsus**.*

“Tarsus” = Saul’s home place

6. Now Was a Time of Peace and Growth for the Churches.



(Acts 9:31)

After Saul stopped persecuting the church; the persecution became less for some time in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria.

*Many more people got saved: the churches increased and strengthened in the Faith.

