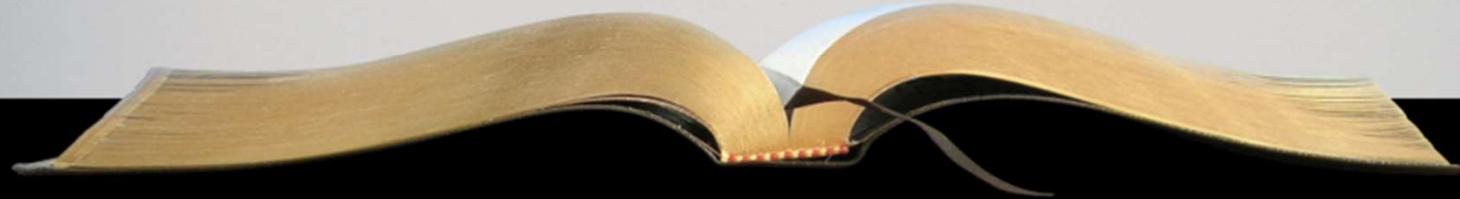


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## Lesson 6

# Saul's Conversion (change)

*(Acts 8-9)*



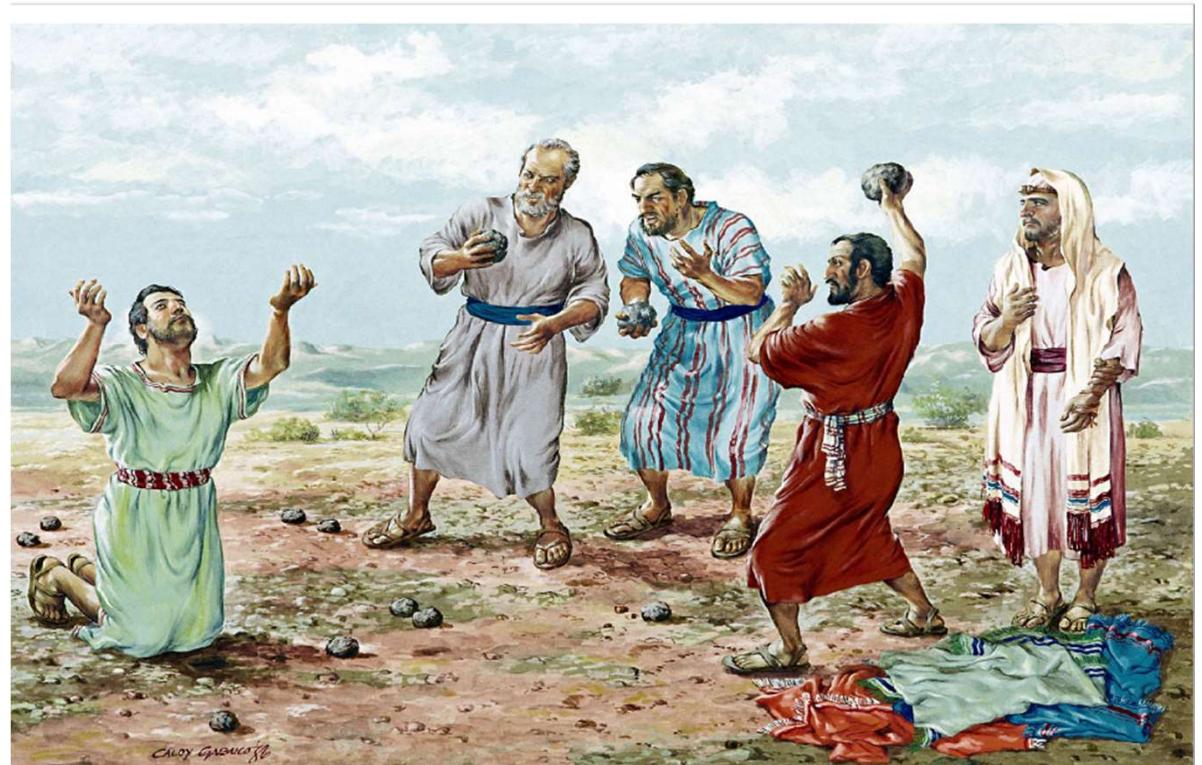
# 1. Saul Persecuted (attacked) the Church.



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.

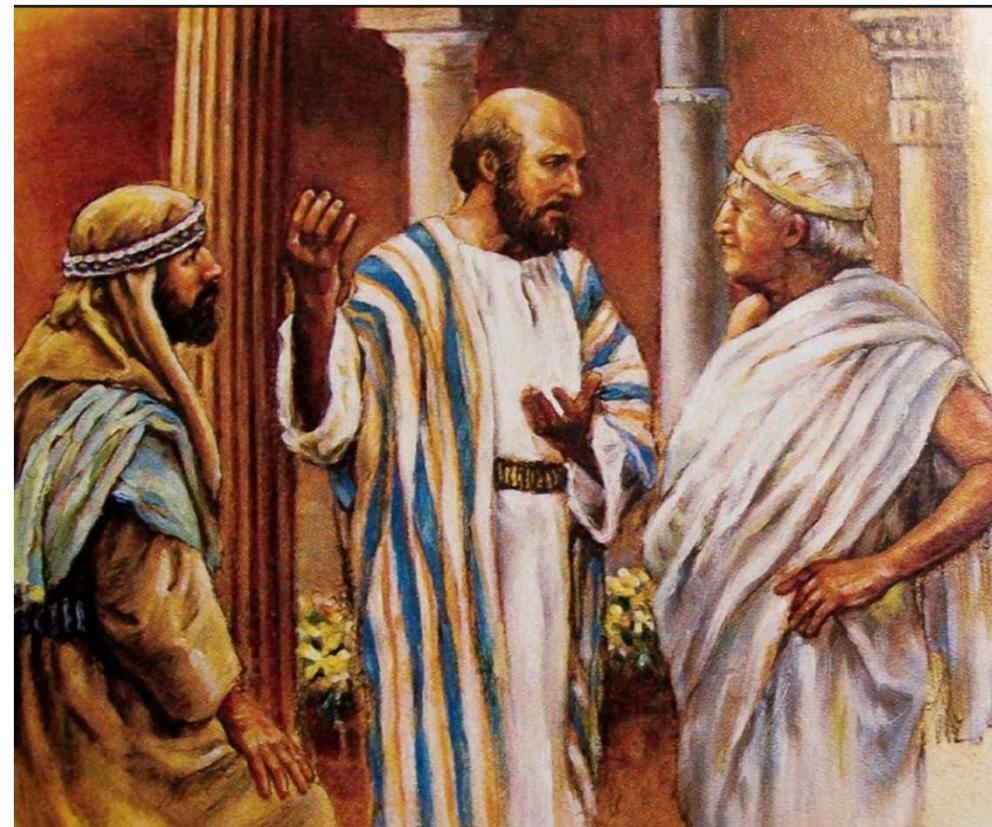


## 2. Persecuted Christians Witnessed About Jesus in Many Different Places.



(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].**

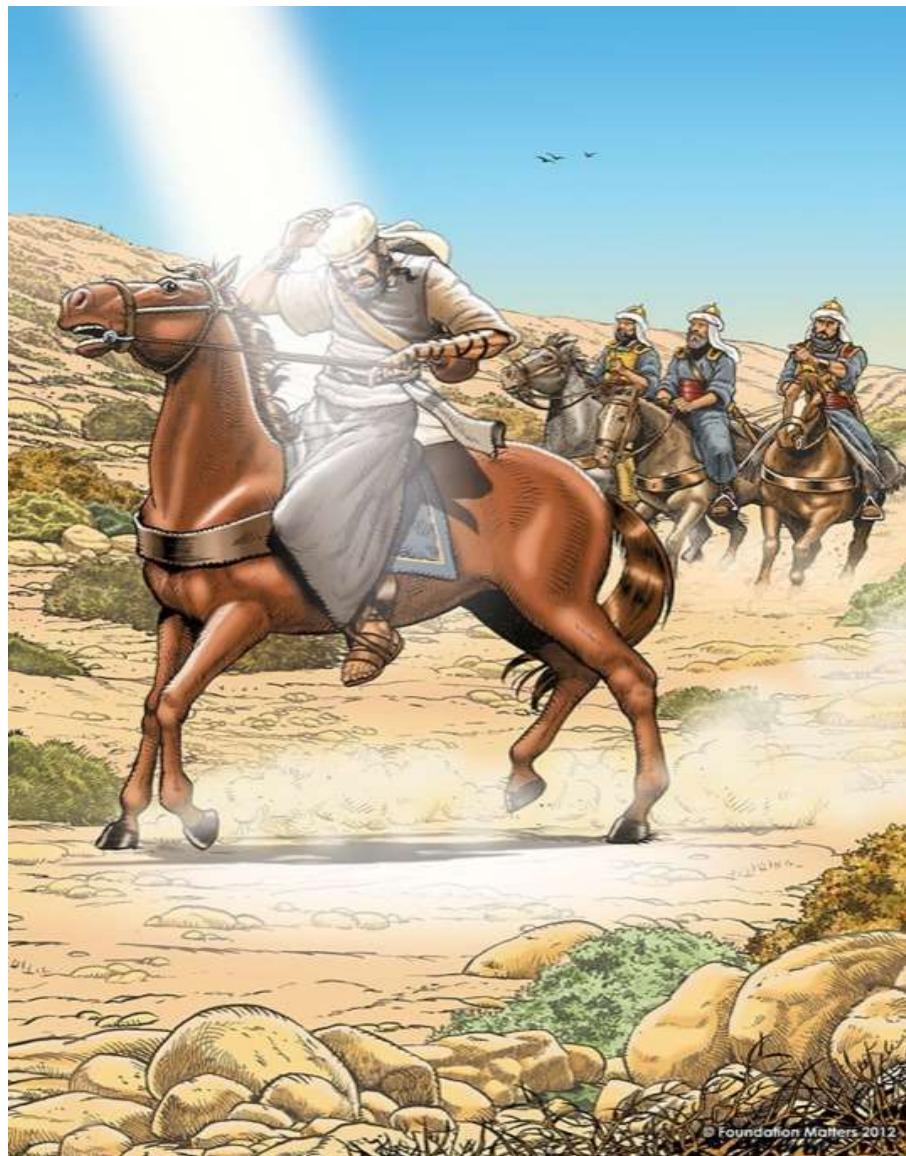


(Acts 8:6-8)

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



### 3. Jesus Met Saul.



(Acts 9:1-2)

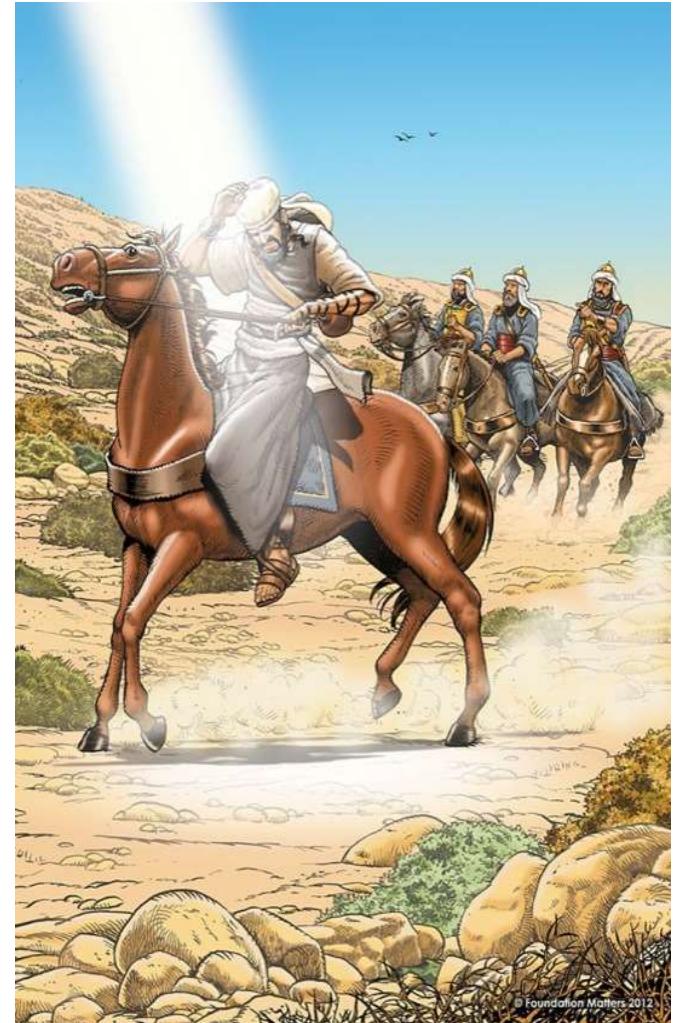
Saul continued to persecute Christians in Jerusalem, then Saul wanted to go to Damascus to persecute Christians more.



(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.



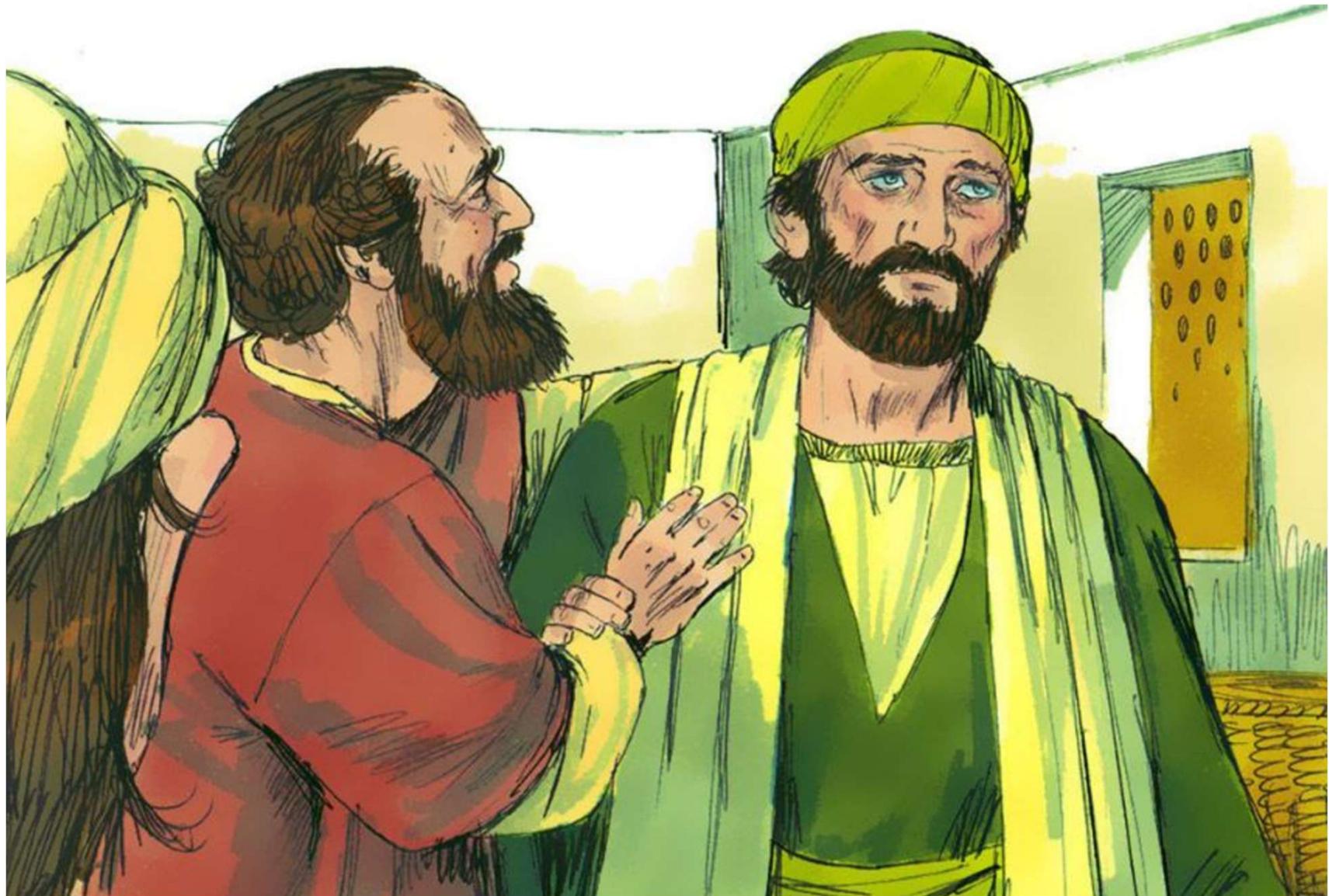
(Acts 9:3-9)

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

\*Saul waited very humbly for three days.



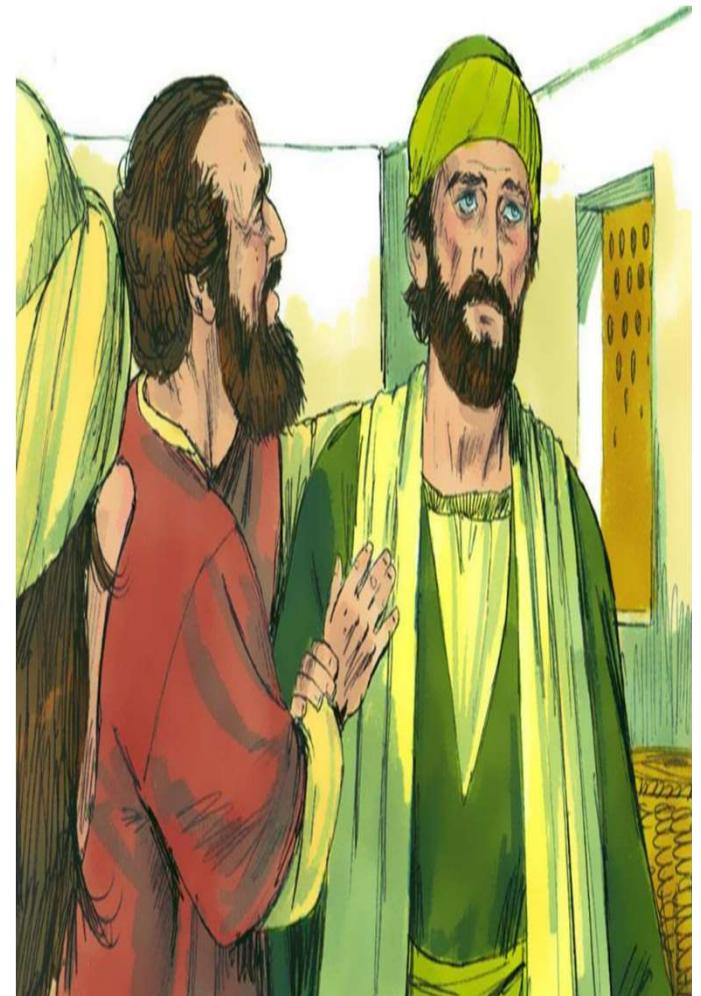
## 4. God Sent Ananias to Saul.



(Acts 9:10-14)

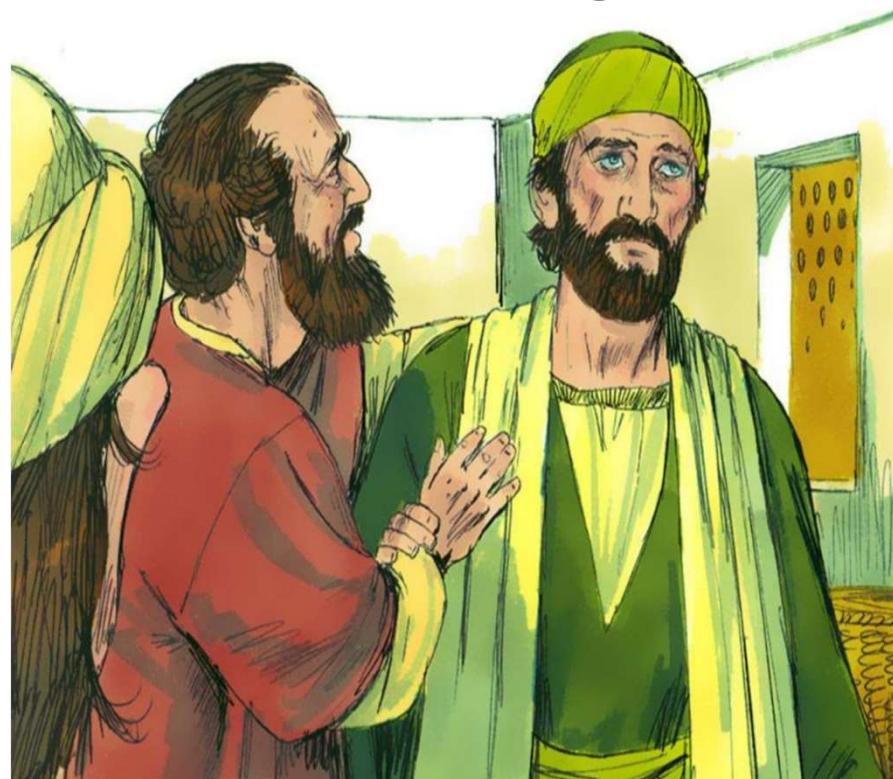
In a vision (**dream**) the Lord told a Christian named Ananias to go find Saul and to heal him—giving him sight.

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



(Acts 9:15-16)

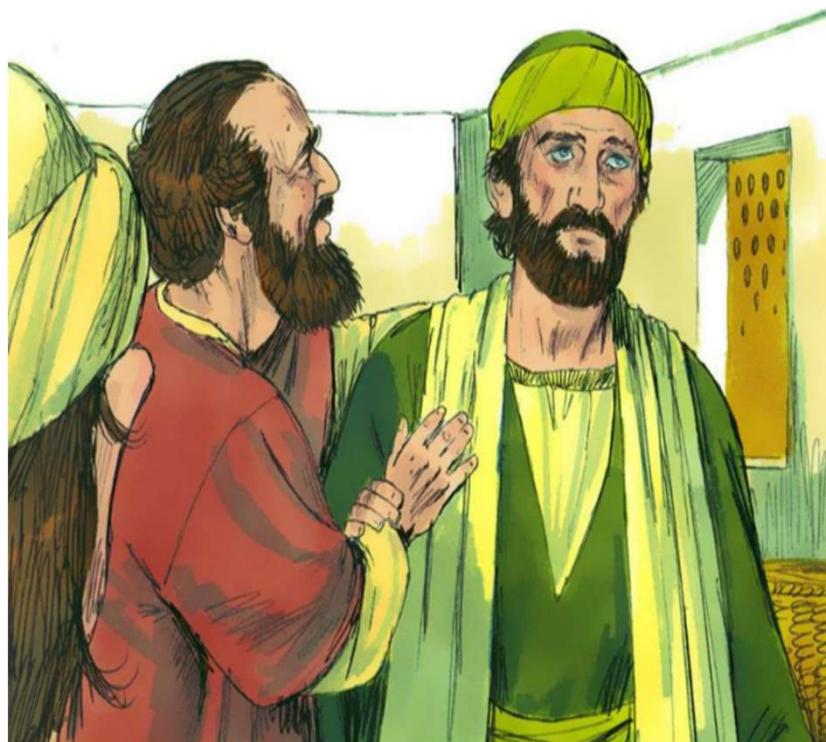
God told Ananias that He had chosen Saul to be His special servant (**apostle**) to preach the Gospel to Gentiles, Jews, and Kings.



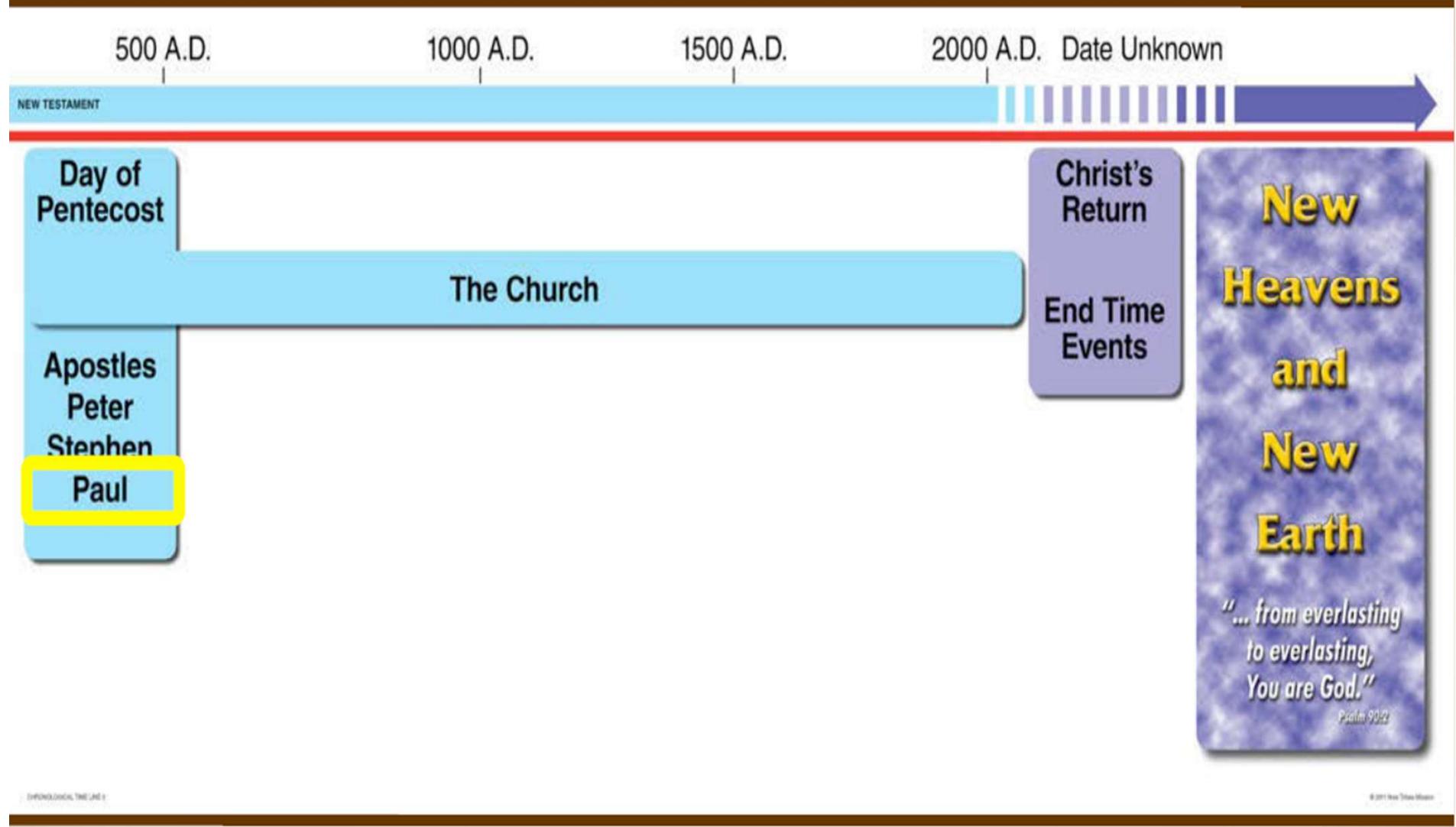
(Acts 9:17-19)

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.

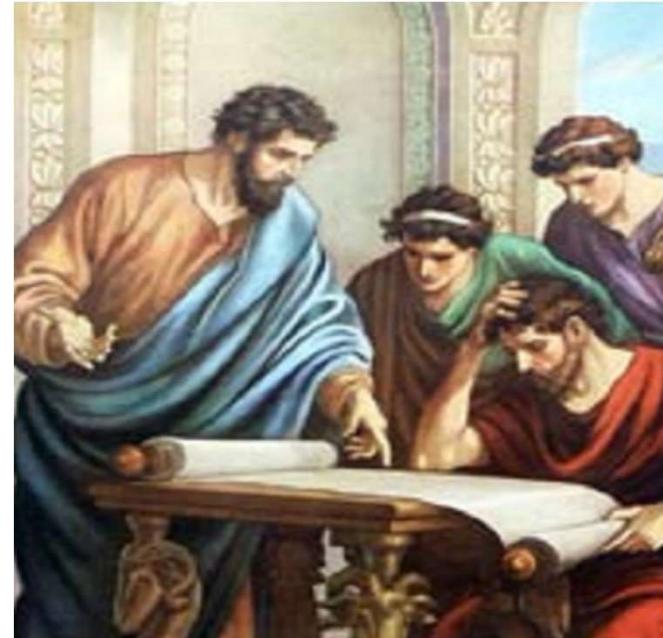
The people were amazed that Saul, who before persecuted Christians, now became a Christian.

\*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.**

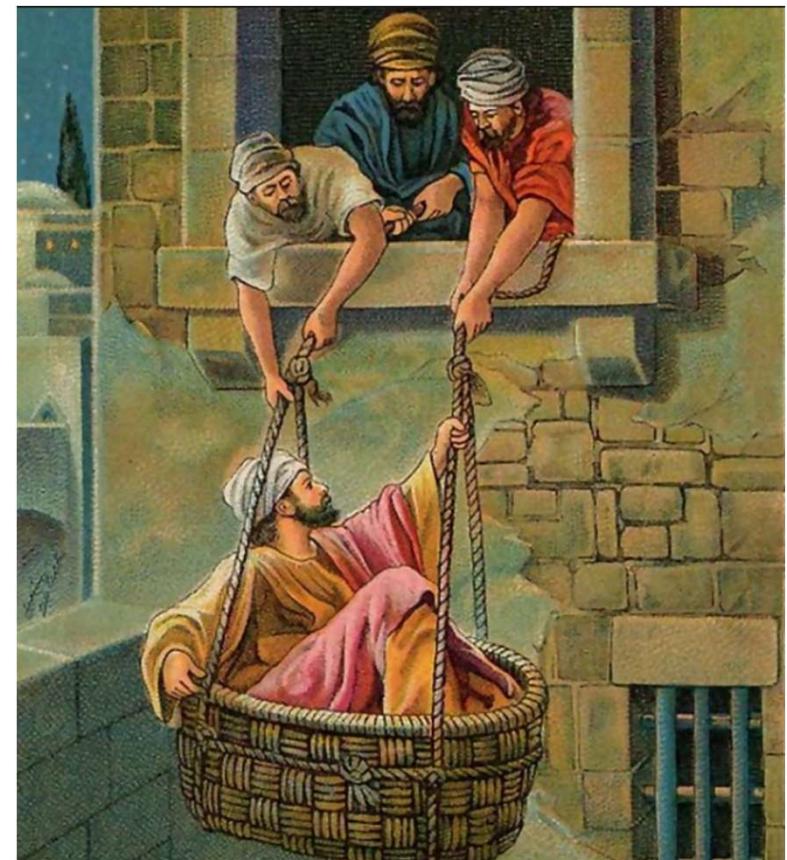


**\*Saul taught his friends and all people that the O.T. Bible prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus. Paul taught that Jesus was the promised Savior of the O.T.**

(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.



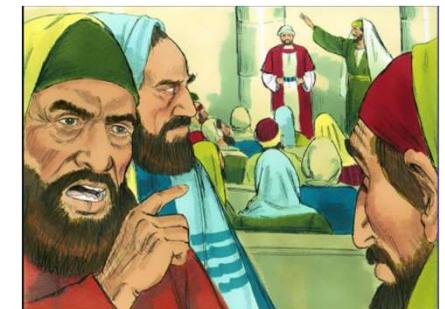
(Acts 9:26)

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.

