

Message Outline



Paul: First Introductions

2Cor. 11:21ff., Acts 7:54ff.

Intro: Finished summer series last week...

- Character studies series...
- This year, Saul/Paul in Acts...
- Paul's resume...

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Read: 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:10

- Paul's journey in his own words...
- v.21**—Writing to defend work/ministry...
- v.22**—Family tree deeply rooted in Judaism (cf. Phil.3:5-6)...
- v.23-32**—Suffering for following...
- 12:1-4**—Special revelation of heaven...
- v.5-10**—“thorn in flesh” and staying humble...
 - Finding God's strength thru personal weakness...

Read: Acts 6:7-15, 7:51-8:3

- 6:7**—Spread of Christianity...
- v.8**—Stephen's ministry: words and works!
- v.9-15**—Accusations against Stephen...
 - Acts 7 shows Stephen steeped in Judaism and Jesus as the fulfillment...
- 7:51-8:1**—The way Stephen dies...
 - First introduction of our unlikely hero...
- v.1-3**—Paul's further plots: ravaging, dragging, locking in jail...
 - God uses this guy to be the great Saint Paul?!!!

Point from Paul (cf. 1Tim.1:15-17): _____



Mission Giving

(2nd Quarter: April-June)

Filter of Hope—
\$500.00

OCC Shoebox Supplies—
\$2,000.00

Youth for Christ (Steve Pausch)—
\$600.00

MMS Aviation—
\$500.00

Wycliffe Bible Translators (Lamb Family)—
\$500.00

Hope Church Community Dinner at Bryn Mawr Appartments (Bellevue)—
\$607.73

VBS Mission: Gospel Soccer Balls—
\$512.22

UMC Apportionment Mission Giving—
\$2,365.26

Mission Support Total: \$7,585.21

