## **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

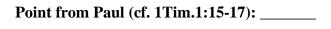
- Paul's journey in his own words...
- **v.21**—Writing to defend work/ministry...
- **v.22**—Family tree deeply rooted in Judaism (cf. Phil.3:5-6)...
- v.23-32—Suffering for following...
- **12:1-4**—Special revelation of heaven...
- **v.5-10**—"thorn in flesh" and staying humble...
  - Finding God's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





## **Mission Giving**

(2<sup>nd</sup> 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

