

The Life of Paul

THE PHARISEE

- A Jew born in Tarsus but trained in Jerusalem by Gamaliel; zealous for God (Acts 22:3; 26:4-5)
- Agreed with the stoning of Stephen and persecuted the church; traveled to Damascus to arrest believers and bring them back to Jerusalem (7:58; 8:1,3; 9:1-2; 22:4-5; 26:10-12)

THE CHRISTIAN

- Met resurrected Jesus on the way to Damascus and was blinded; three days later, he was healed by Ananias so he could see, filled with the Holy Spirit, and baptized (9:3-18; 26:13-18)
- Immediately proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues in Damascus, and later in Jerusalem; the Jews conspired to kill him, so he escaped to Jerusalem and then to Tarsus (9:20-30; 26:19-21)
- Found by Barnabas in Tarsus and taken to Antioch to help teach the disciples (11:25-26)

THE MISSIONARY

- Saul and Barnabas set apart in Antioch by the Spirit for missionary calling (13:1-3)
- **FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY (ACTS 13:4–14:28):** Proclaimed the word of God through Asia Minor, then sailed back to Antioch and reported about their trip and the faith of the Gentiles
- Sent to the Jerusalem Council, which discussed and affirmed salvation by faith for Gentiles (15:1-35)
- **SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY (ACTS 15:36–18:22):** Strengthened disciples in Asia; led by the Spirit to preach the gospel in Macedonia and Greece, then visited Jerusalem and returned to Antioch
- **THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY (ACTS 18:23–21:19):** Traveled through Asia Minor, Macedonia, and Greece strengthening the disciples and evangelizing, then journeyed on to Jerusalem
- Seized in the Jerusalem temple by a mob but rescued by the Roman regiment; moved to Caesarea, where he made his defense before Felix, Festus, and King Agrippa over two years and appealed to Caesar (21:26–26:32)
- Sent to Rome by ship for trial before Caesar; shipwrecked at Malta and placed under house arrest for two years in Rome, yet he still proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about Jesus (27:1–28:31)
- According to tradition, released from house arrest by Caesar and continued his missionary ministry; arrested a second time and imprisoned in Rome, where he was beheaded, according to tradition – Paul fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith (2 Tim. 4:7)