



**Heart of a Missionary
Week 2**

Who is Paul?

Before his conversion his name was _____ and it was changed to Paul after his conversion according to Acts 13:9

Before Christ

Philippians 3:4-5:

_____ - All Jewish baby boys were circumcised according to Jewish law. However, only Jews who strictly observed Jewish law circumcised their baby boys on the eighth day.

Stock of Israel - means he was pure Jewish and not mixed with any other race. This phrase showed a sense of "elitism" or "I am better than others."

_____ - most cherished tribe of all of Israel. In other words, he was saying, "They don't come much better than me."

Hebrew of Hebrews - means he was born to Hebrew parents who follow the Hebrew laws and obey Hebrew customs and speak the Hebrew language.

1 Timothy 1:12-13

Paul describes himself in his own words as a:

Blasphemer: to speak foul, nasty, and profane words, to humiliate somebody through words

Insolent: _____

Persecutor: high-level, violent hunter

Paul hunted down believers he would torcher, imprison, and kill violently.

Example: The death of Stephen

Stephen was anointed a deacon in the church.

Acts 6: 5

The Bible says he did “mighty works among the people.

Act 6:8

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Acts 7:54

_____ actually means they bit him.

Act 7:58

The laying down of the clothes “cloaks” at Saul’s feet shows who had an officiating role in the stoning of Stephen and it was a way the witnesses testified against the accused.

Act 8:1

Death: _____

The religious leaders now had a taste for blood and _____ spread throughout the entire city

Great: mega, enormous

Persecution: hunter who puts on his hunting clothes and follows his prey until they are killed

Acts 8:3

_____ : went wild, destroyed, ruined.
This word is used to describe a diseased rabid wild pig.

Paul was a man so consumed with hatred and rage. Luke, the author of the Book of Acts says this man became like a sick pig.

Acts 9 - _____ |

One day Paul was traveling down the road to Damascus to persecute Christians when he has an encounter with Jesus that completely changes his life.

Then he got healed, filled with the Holy Spirit, and baptized all at one time.

Paul is known as the greatest missionary of all time.

He went to the ends of the known world to bring the Gospel message to all the lost people groups of the earth.

He wrote _____ books of the New Testament.

He persevered through some of the toughest persecution recorded.

Paul wrote about what he went through:

2 Corinthians 11:24-27

Paul's First Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14)

The church at Antioch was praying and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke to them to set apart Barnabas and Paul. They laid hands on them and then sent them off.

The Bible way: Missionaries are _____.

Paul and Barnabas set sail with John as their helper for 2 years.

They went to Cyprus and proclaimed the Word of God in the Jewish Synagogues

They traveled through the whole island and came to Paphos where they ran into a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar- Jesus.

Then they went to Antioch.

Then they travelled to Iconium and taught in the Jewish synagogue where a great number of Jews and Gentiles converted.

Next, they went to Lystra and Derbe where the Galatian church was planted. After ministering in Derbe, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Attalia and then they returned to Antioch from where they first set sail. They spent some time in Antioch before their second journey (Acts 14:27-28)

During his first missionary journey Paul wrote a letter to the church at Galatia also known as the

_____.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Acts 16-18)

Just before Paul's second missionary journey Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement about whether they should bring John or not. They decided to go their own separate ways.

Paul took Silas on his second missionary journey which lasted _____.

During this trip they went back to a lot of the same places to strengthen the churches they planted on their first trip.

They went to Derbe and Lystra where they met Timothy. They decided to bring Timothy on their journey.

He was led by the Holy Spirit not to go to Asia to preach.

Then Paul had a vision that showed him he was to go to Damascus (Macedonia) and preach the Gospel.

In Damascus Paul faced a lot of opposition but despite this he planted two churches - one in Philippi and one in Thessalonica.

Then went on to Thessalonica, Brea, Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus. Then to Jerusalem and back to Antioch.

During his second missionary journey Paul wrote _____

Paul's Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-Acts 21:14)

After he spent a little time in Antioch, Paul set out on his third missionary journey which lasted 4 years.

Again, he visited Galatia and Phrygia with the intent of strengthening his brothers and sisters in Christ.

He spent a significant portion of his time in Ephesus - probably about _____

Ephesus experienced a great revival during Paul's visit. He performed many signs, wonders, and miracles and many people came to Christ.

The Bible says the Word of the Lord spread quickly and grew in power. However, this also caused a great riot in the city. The unbelievers were angry because their way of life was being threatened. After things were quieted down, Paul met with the disciples in Ephesus and encouraged them. Then he said good-bye and left for Macedonia

He was accompanied by 7 men. They visited Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, and Corinth.

Paul was about to go back to Syria but was stopped when he discovered a plot against his life.

He stopped at Troas.

Paul by-passed Ephesian but he rather called for the elders to come and meet him in Miletus. .

During his third missionary journey while in Ephesus Paul wrote _____.
In these two letters he addressed false doctrines and some other specific concerns.

End of Paul's life

Paul received a prophecy he would be persecuted in Jerusalem. The people who he was staying with in Caesarea pleaded with him not to go but Paul knew he needed to.

None of Paul's journeys were easy but his journey to Jerusalem was nothing but pain and difficulty. He made his way to Jerusalem where he would be bound hand and foot by the Jews and then given over to the Gentiles.

In Jerusalem Paul was met by men who sought to destroy him. He was beaten, falsely accused, imprisoned, and transferred from one place to the next, shipwrecked, and held under house arrest for a total of 4 years.

During his time of imprisonment Paul wrote _____

Three Lessons we learn from Paul's life as a missionary.

1. The importance of living an _____ and _____ life to the call of God.

Paul _____ everything. Paul _____ everything.

Philippians 3:7-8

Paul explains contrasts his life before he gave his life to Jesus and after.

He had everything - money, status, respect, knowledge, popularity.

But none of it meant a single thing to him next to know Christ.

Paul considered himself a _____

1 Corinthians 15:31

Paul wrote being dead:

To sin

Romans 6:11

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Romans 6:12

To the flesh

Galatians 5:24

Dead to self

Galatians 2:20

Not even _____ scared Paul, so he could not be threatened away from obeying Jesus.

Philippians 1:21-23

Paul lived a life wholly abandoned to Christ. This kind of abandonment causes a person to be radical, society-altering, and a world-shaking person.

David Platt- "Radical obedience is not easy; it's dangerous. Radical obedience to Christ risks losing all things. But in the end, such a risk finds its reward in Christ."

Amy Carmichael

While serving in India, Amy Carmichael received a letter from a young lady who was considering life as a missionary. She asked, "What is missionary life like?" Amy responded by writing, "Missionary life is simply a chance to die."

Amy Carmichael served in India for _____ years without returning home.

When Amy was 16 years old, she received Christ as her Lord and savior

She began to work with the neglected children on the streets of Belfast.

During this time Amy was diagnosed with a disease called "neuralgia." Sometimes Amy would lie in bed for days waiting for the pain to cease.

One day she was invited to some special meetings where she heard Hudson Taylor speak. His words rang in her ears - "Every single hour, one thousand souls pass through the gates of death into the darkness - saviorless and hopeless."

When she was 24 years old, she clearly heard a voice say to her "_____"

She first applied to go to China, but her application got denied because of her health problems.

Then she was accepted to go to _____. She packed her bags and left on a ship bound for Shanghai.

At 27 years of age, Amy boarded a ship headed for _____

Amy set out in India with a man, who became a very dear friend named Thomas Walker, who taught her Tamil. She formed a Christian group of 6 Indian women who travelled with her village to village to preach the message of Christ. They gave up everything to preach the Gospel.

After a few short years of ministry in the villages of India, Amy had a turning point in her ministry. First, she moved to a different district.

Then, a temple child was brought to Amy named _____. In the months that followed as Amy fought to keep Preena, she heard about the horrors of the temple rituals for the first time.

After learning about this, Amy relentlessly looked for ways to rescue the girls.

Amy realized her life's work in India was to rescue children from the Hindu practice of temple prostitution.

She said that God had called her to the children and that she would rescue and love all whom God brought to her.

In her lifetime she rescued and raised over _____ children.

She set up a home at _____ for the children. It was their new "family".

The children and other workers called her "Amma" (mom in Tamil) because she loved everyone with a mother's unconditional love.

She was a trailblazer or _____.

Amy understood the power of prayer. She said, "Prayer after all is work-the most strenuous work in all the world."

"Perhaps prayer often needs to be followed by a little pause so that we may have time to open our hearts to that for which we have prayed. We often rush from prayer to prayer without waiting for the word within which says, 'I have heard you, my child.'"

"The gates of access into the father's presence are open continually. There is no need to push- If the gates are open there is nothing to do but go in."

Biographer Sam Wellman wrote about her, "Those the world regarded as less than lovely, Amy Carmichael saw with the eyes of God and gave her life for them."

Amy died in her bed at Dohnavur at 84 years of age.

Other Quotes by Amy Carmichael

"We have all eternity to celebrate the victories but only a few hours before sunset to win them."

"When I consider the cross of Christ, how can anything I do be considered a sacrifice."

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

"Thank God He doesn't measure out grace in teaspoons'

“The saddest thing one meets is a nominal Christian.”

2. The key to _____ in difficult times is through keeping our eyes set on God and His calling on our life.

Perseverance: the continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition

Persevering through suffering in the bible is not talking about going through sickness or a tragedy that happens in our life. It is talking about enduring persecution.

Example:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Tribulation/trouble are the same Greek word, and they mean persecution. This word is translated Persecution in Acts 11:19

What the early church faced

When Paul wrote to Timothy and said, “I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

_____ was the leader of Rome during Paul’s third missionary journey.

He _____ his mother and both of his wives.

He was one of the most barbaric persecutors of Christians.

Some he sewed up in the skins of wild animals after which he released dogs to chew away at the flesh until the Christians expired.

Other he dressed in shirts made stiff with wax, fixed them to trees, and set them on fire in his gardens in order to illuminate them.

Acts 20:24

Philippians 3:12-14

Galatians 6:9

1 Corinthians 9:24

3. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to reach _____ and declare the name of Jesus.

Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit gives you the power to do what God has called you to do in the earth.

Jesus told the disciples **“It's better for you that I leave.** If I don't leave, the Friend (Holy Spirit) won't come. But if I go, I'll send him to you.” **(John 16:7)**

After Jesus rose from the dead He had a meeting with the disciples and gave them the Great Commission.

Acts 1 gives us insight on what happened next, before Jesus ascended into heaven.

Acts 1:4-5

Jesus reinforces their need for the Holy Spirit

In Acts Chapter 2 we read about the Day of PENTECOST. This is the day the Holy Spirit first fell on the first believers after Jesus left the earth.

Acts 2:1-4

Rushing mighty wind: speaks of the _____

Divided tongues of fire: every person receives their _____ to do what God has called them to do.

All: The Holy Spirit is for _____

Evidence: all began to speak in tongues

Right after Paul gave his life to Jesus, he got filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:17-18

Paul says:

Ephesians 5:18

This is not a suggestion it is a command – BE.

The original meaning suggests that we are filled on a continual basis.

We need to keep on being filled everyday with the fire of the Holy Spirit!

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