

BIBLE STUDY ON PAUL

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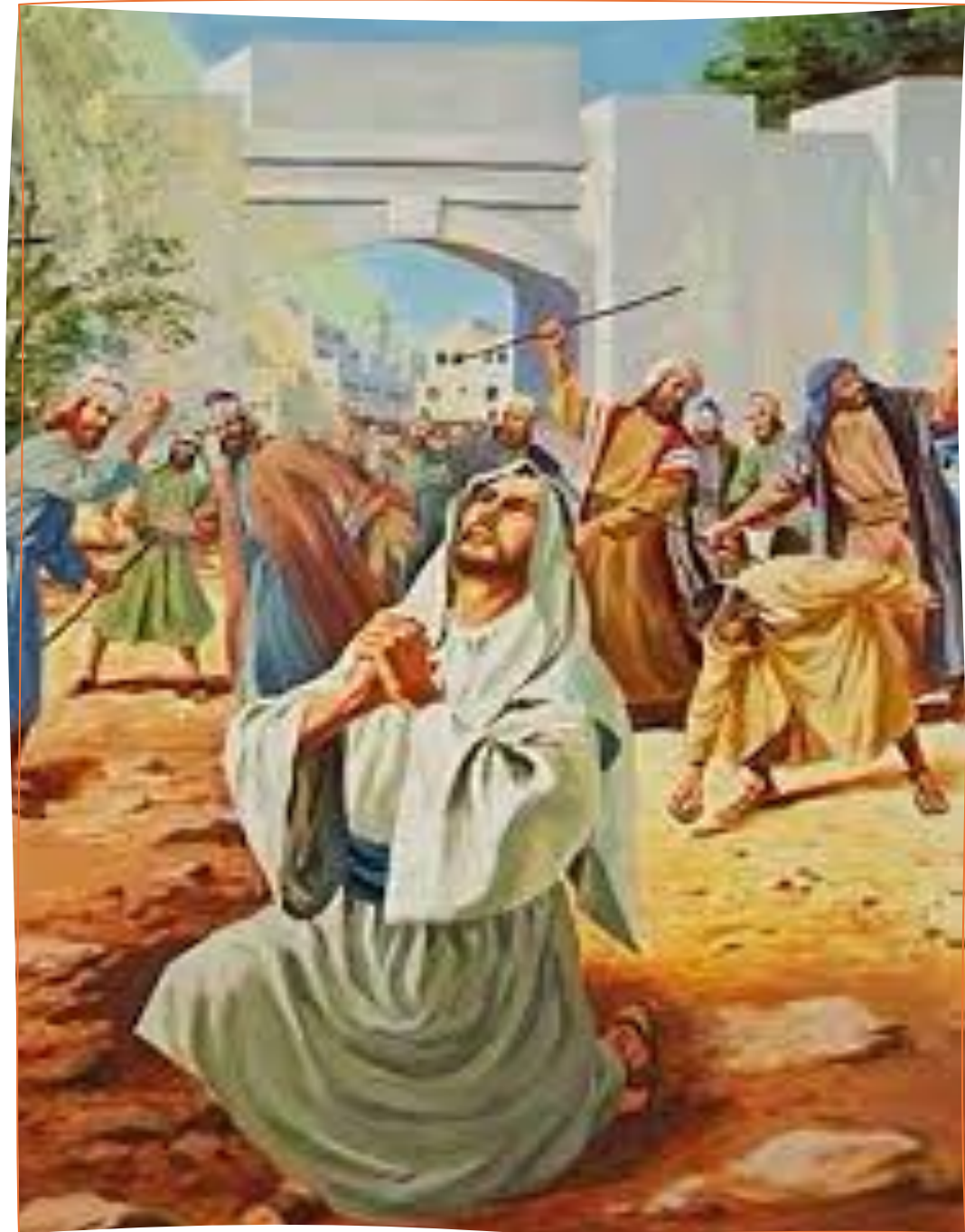
Pharisee Group and Leadership



- At some point, Saul moved to Jerusalem and studied religion under Gamaliel, who was a Pharisee and an esteemed rabbi
- Gamaliel was Saul's mentor and teacher before he was converted and changed his name to Paul.
- It was his deep beliefs in Yahweh that led him to believe that Jesus was an imposter and a liar.
- Saul did not believe the Good News that Jesus had been the long-awaited Messiah, and therefore, viewed Christians as deceitful and a threat to Judaism.

Persecuting The Church

- Acts 8:3- “As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.”
- Saul persecuted Christians because of their belief and proclamation that Jesus was the Messiah and Son of God.
- The persecution caused followers of Jesus to scatter to other towns and cities. Saul followed in pursuit.
- Saul was marching to Damascus, on the hunt for Christians, equipped with official permission to imprison them, something life-changing happened.



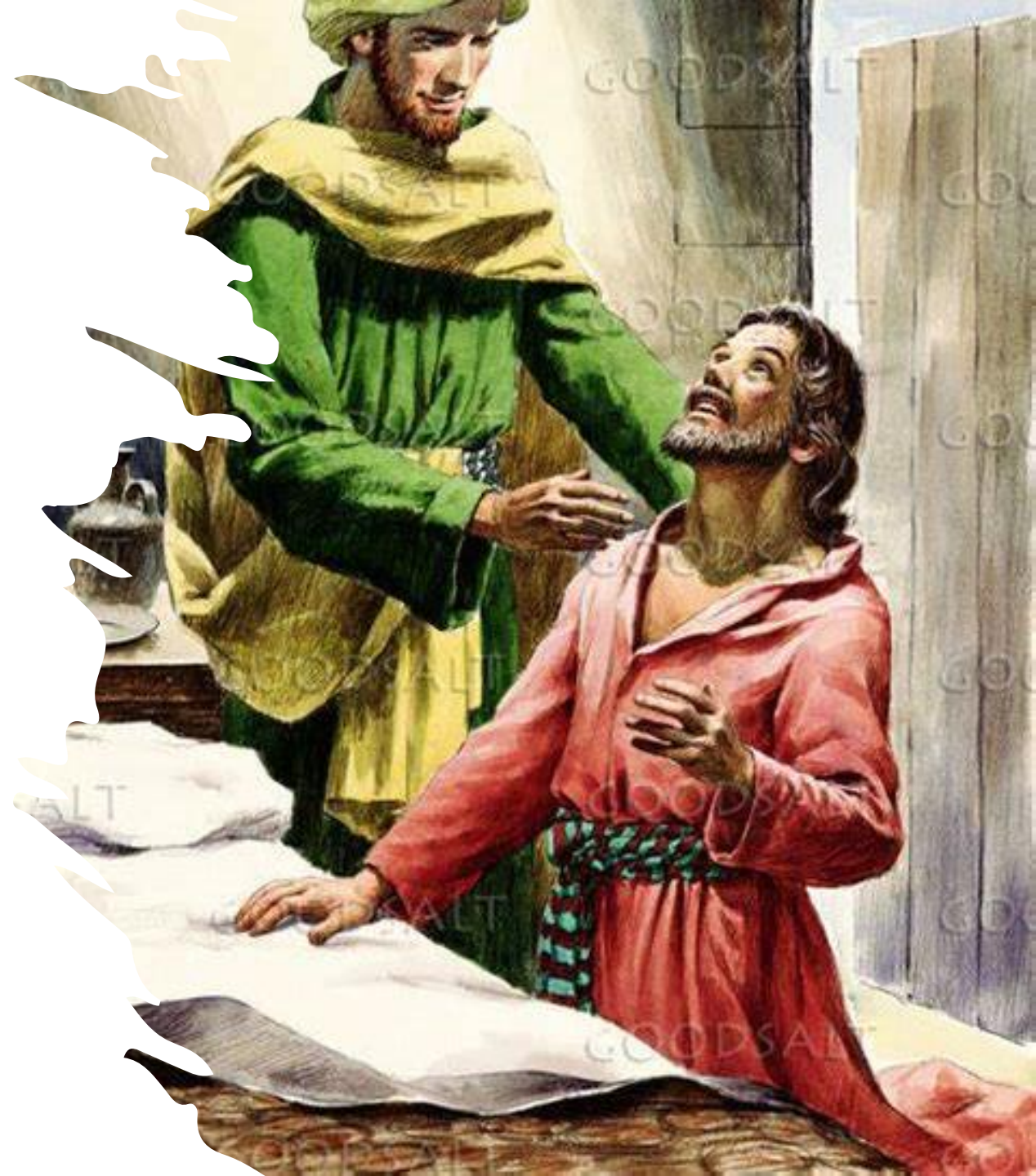


Paul's Encounter with Jesus

- Paul had a life changing encounter with Jesus. A bright light flashed at Paul blinding him, then he heard a voice from Jesus who gave him instructions and led him to Damascus.
- Paul was blinded by the light for three days and had to be led by hand to Damascus, where his blindness was cured and he was baptized

Paul's Conversion to Christianity

- While Paul was being met by Jesus there was a follower of Jesus named Ananias who Jesus was speaking to about Paul
- Ananias' obedience to Jesus despite how scared he was of Paul
- Ananias laid hands on Paul
- Healed his sight physically
- Healed his spiritual sight as well



Paul's Isolation for Peace

- Whenever Paul was born again he started proclaiming Jesus as the messiah.
- He started to travel with the believers
- The Jews did not like this (betrayal)
- This created a disturbance among the church
- The apostles sent Paul back to his hometown for a while





Paul Zealously Spreading the Gospel

- Paul had an intense dedication and passion for spreading the gospel to anyone and everyone around him
- He would travel to different regions to preach the good news of Jesus Christ
- He often faced horrible persecution for this, but he was so adamant on converting others to Christianity that he continued through the abuse
- He even wrote letters to churches, other people, and children in attempt to spread the gospel as much as he could



Paul's Persecution

- Paul was imprisoned, abused, shipwrecked and stoned for his faith
- Through all of the pain he faced during his persecution, he still continued to have faith in God and tell everyone about Him, even traveling great distances to find people to share the gospel with
- God stood by Paul during his persecution through visions and gave him strength to withstand all the pain he was facing

Paul Writes to the Churches



- Paul wrote to 7 Gentile churches like Rome, Ephesus, Corinth and others...
- During Paul's first Missionary Journey where they traveled to Cyprus
 - He also sent a letter to the Galatians which mainly was written addressing the critical issues of faith and law.
 - For example, Paul reaffirms his former teachings that the Mosaic Law is obsolete and that if they returned to Jewish practice like circumcision to therefore regressive through the faith.

- Paul's most stood out letter was to the Ephesians. Where he had an extortionary vision which was trying to address the concerns, challenges, and needs of early Christian communities and their practices
- It was said it was written with so much wisdom about unity, enriching your faith , and clarifying the depth of the church mystery which was his overall goal as a missionary.

Facts about Paul:

- Paul's occupation was a tentmaker and a Pharisee
- Paul was a great missionary who established churches in Europe and Asia Minor
- Paul was beheaded in Rome and died as a martyr for his faith

- Paul's name was originally Saul, but he took the name Paul after his conversion

- Paul was not ordained or taught by Israel's 12 apostles. he taught a different gospel message of pure grace rather than the Law of the gospel of the Kingdom

