

God's Way

Irvine Apostolic Church Who was Apostle Paul?

As we examine Apostle Paul's life, we must look at who he was to comprehend who he became. Often he is called the greatest apostle of the New Testament. I would refrain from this statement, simply because the Lord is no respecter of persons.

We see many acts of all the apostles in different avenues of personalities, gifts, zeal, faith and preaching. Nevertheless, the gospel of Jesus was preached.

However, as I was examining Paul's ministry I have looked at the history of the apostle, which was a Jew of the city Cilicia, brought up at the feet of Gamaliel. He was taught the perfect manner of the law of the fathers and zealous toward God. Nevertheless, he persecuted the church whom Jesus died for. Acts 22:1-22. Paul consented to the stoning death of Apostle Stephen and made great persecution against the church that was established on the day of Pentecost. Acts: 1&2, Acts: 7: 51-60. Acts 8:1-18.

Paul was on his way to Damascus, to persecute the church, when Jesus visited him in a super natural way. There was a light shining down on him and he fell to the earth and heard a voice say. Saul, Saul, "why persecutest thou me?" Paul was blinded, however Jesus told him to continue on and go to one called Ananias, which would pray for him and he would receive his sight. Paul did this and later was baptized in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Ghost. Jesus informed Paul, he would suffer many things for his name's sake. Acts: 9: 1-20.

Paul began his journey full of the Holy Ghost and power, preaching repentance, baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the infilling of

the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. In Acts chapter 13, verse 9, Paul and Saul are the same person. Paul is the Jewish name for Saul.

Paul came upon some disciples of John the Baptist one day and asked them if they had received the gift of the Holy Ghost; their reply to Paul was we don't know if there be any Holy Ghost. Paul asked them, "Unto what then were you baptized?" They answered Paul, "Unto John's baptism." Paul explained that John baptized unto repentance, however John admonished them to believe on him that would come after him, which was Jesus Christ and he would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Paul then laid his hands upon the twelve men and the Holy Ghost came on them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Paul started many churches and left capable pastors to take care of them. However, he continued to minister to them through his letters to the churches.

He strongly believed in prophecy, tongues, and condemned the ignorance of men who opposed the true gospel of Jesus Christ. Acts: 14:18-39

Paul believed and taught in One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism. Eph. 4:1-6.

He also taught, though we or an angel from heaven come preaching to you any other gospel, let him be accursed. Gal: 1:6-9.

He preached without the spirit of Christ, you are none of his (Jesus). Rom: 8:5-11.

Paul was the man called to preach salvation to the Gentiles, who also wrote two thirds of the New Testament.

Wow! What an amazing transformation! From a murderer and one who opposed the truth of the gospel in every way possible through ignorance.

Lord, please don't allow us to make the same mistake and oppose this marvelous truth you have given us today.

God Bless! Pastor Ivan Smith

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Sunday, January 18th @ 3pm

Pastor Ordination At Williams Memorial

Williams Memorial Baptist Church in Ravenna will be having an ordination to preach service on Sunday, January 18, 2015, starting at 3 p.m. The church is located at 402 Poplar Street in Ravenna. Everyone is welcome

Sunday, January 25th @ 10:30am

Sons of Liberty at Epperson

The Sons of Liberty will be singing at Epperson First Church of God, Irvine Road in Clark County, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, January 25, 2015. Everyone is welcome!

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

John 4:10



Detail of "Christ and the Woman of Samaria: Among Ruins" (1634) by Rembrandt

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NOTICE

Betty Arvin Young has been extremely ill and is unable to write her regular column at this time. Please pray for her for a full recovery.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Thesalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Song of Solomon 2:1, the Shulamite calls herself two kinds of flowers, the rose and the ...? Daisy, Lily, Cinnamon, Sage
3. From Titus 1, Paul

wrote that unto the pure all things are "what"? Gold, Righteous, Worthy, Pure

4. What archangel is mentioned by name in the book of Jude? Gabriel, Silas, Michael, Melchizedek

5. In 1 Kings 21, who forbade Naboth to give his vineyard to Ahab? The Lord, Jezebel, Absalom, Balaam

6. In Psalm 103:5, what bird's youth is renewable? Dove, Eagle, Raven, Swallow

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What Will You Say at the Judgment?

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The Bible has much to say in relationship to the judgment. Sadly, many do not believe there will be a day of judgment at all. In **John 5:26-27**, here our Lord says: "For as the father hath life in himself, and so hath he given to the son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the son of man." So regardless whether you may, or may not believe in a day of judgment will not make it go away. Then again, **II Corinthians 5:10** says that every one shall make an appearance on that day to stand before Jesus. **So when our Lord returns**, the sun, the moon, and the stars along with this earth will be dissolved and all mankind will have no place to hide, even though **Revelation 6:15-16** says that they will try to flee in an attempt to hide their faces from Jesus upon His throne.

Also **Matthew 25:66** says this day will be a time of eternal separation for every one, except those who have done the will of the father. Verse 34 says so.

Then again the judgment will be a place of attempted reasoning coming from the mouths of confessing religious practitioners (**Matthew 7:21-23**). it seems that they will point out to the Lord that they were full of religious works, declaring: "We have prophesied in thy name, we have cast out demons in thy name, also we have done many wonderful works, but the Lord will declare! I never knew you! Depart from me!

And then he will reveal why he said such a thing to religious people. "Ye that work iniquity," or meaning: Ye that did not work according to my laws. Is it possible then that a person might give their time, their talents, and their finances, and be rejected at the judgment? Yes. An example is shown by Paul in **Romans 10** saying that these religious Jews were in a lost condition. Yea, they held their devotions but Paul says it was not according to knowledge or keeping of the commandments of our Lord. So what were they doing to make their worship seem to be approved of God. They formed and established their own acts of worship and rejected the teachings of our Lord.

Sadly, many have done, and are still doing this even today. If man kind will not fully follow the teachings of Jesus concerning His plan of salvation, His plan for worship, His plan for the only name of His church, His only plan to fund his church in I Corinthians 16:1-2. What will people say at the judgment if His plans have not been obeyed and followed? One man in Matthew 22:12 had sneaked into the wedding but was not properly clothed, was asked, How did you get in there? And he was speechless. He had no words to save him. Just as it will be for anyone hoping to get into Heaven without preparing Himself. For the sake of your soul, do not let this be you.

Sincerely, Bob Casey, 1-(859) 369-4165

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First and Third Tuesdays at Raders'

Estill County Lions Club

The Estill County Lions Club will meet Tuesday, January 20th and on the first and third Tuesday of every month at Raders' River Restaurant. The meal is at 6:30 p.m. and business meeting begins at 7 p.m. Estill County Lions Club is part of Lions Club Inter-

national, with 1.35 million members in 205 countries around the world. We invite those who feel a call to make our community a better place through service to attend and learn about how Lions around the world earn our motto, "We Serve..."

Tuesday, January 20th @ 7pm

Estill County Arts Council

The Estill Arts Council board meeting will be held in the community room of the Estill County Library on Tuesday, January 20th, at 7 p.m. Artists, Crafters, and Supporters of the Arts are welcome.

EAC sponsors the annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Show; partners with Mountain Mushroom Festival, Ravenna

Railroad Festival, and River City Players.

We also participate in Estill Springs Elementary and West Irvine Intermediate School's annual Arts & Humanities Fairs.

Please join us on the 20th and become an EAC member. For more information call Mary Reed 606-723-4678.

Fridays, 6:00 to 8:00pm

Estill Appalachian Dulcimers

The Estill County Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Main Street, Irvine, for anyone who plays an Appalachian Dulcimer or anyone

who is interested in playing one is welcome to attend.

The Appalachian Dulcimer was designated as the official state instrument of Kentucky in 2001.

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