

NEW FRONTIERS "The Spreading of the Word Begins" Acts 8:1-8 June 12, 2016

## Saul – The Murderer Seeking to Destroy the Church

Galatians 1:13–16; Philippians 3:6; John 16:2; Acts 9:1-2; 22:4-5; 26:9-11

- ✓ His Disposition
- ✓ He <u>Despised</u> Christians and the Church
- ✓ He Determined to <u>Destroy</u> the Church
- ✓ God Uses Saul for His Kingdom Purposes
  *Genesis 50:20*
- ✓ God Can Save and Change <u>Anyone</u> Isaiah 59:1; 2 Corinthians 6:2b
- ✓ God Doesn't Change <u>What</u> We Are (our personalities, abilities, etc.), He Changes <u>Who</u> and <u>Whose</u> We Are (our hearts).

**Stephen – The Martyr Suffered for Christ & the Church** 2 Kings 10:30; Job 42:16; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:8

- ✓ He Followed Faithfully to the Finish
- ✓ He Was Mourned by Many
- ✓ He Left Behind a Great Legacy

Phillip – The Missionary Church was Scattered & Sent Acts 6:6, 8; John 4:7-9, 39-42; Matthew 28:19-20

✓ He Was Willing to <u>Go</u> To the Samaritans

Some Stay, Some Go, But ALL Are on Mission!

- ✓ He Was Willing to Share his Life
- ✓ He Was Willing to Share the Word
- ✓ His Willingness Brought About <u>Transformation</u>