

What is Love? - Love Endures All Things

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; 1 John 4:7-9

Introducing Paul

AKA - Saul of Tarsus

A man who, at one point, was willing to condone _____ and resort to it himself. (Acts 8:1, 9:1-2)

He became God's apostle, or missionary, to the _____ - all the non-Jewish people on the planet.

He started many churches and wrote many letters that are in the Bible, including 1 _____.

Jesus and His Followers' Conflict with Judaism

Worship of a ___ being or _____ of any kind was forbidden in Judaism. (Luke 17:11-19 Acts 10:25-26)

Jesus did amazing things, causing people to start bowing down and _____ him.

Jewish leaders _____ to put an end to this preacher/healer/troublemaker, Jesus.

But three days after his death his followers claimed to have seen him _____.

This made them more difficult to control than before because they no longer feared _____.

Just as Jesus failed to _____, so too did his followers, making things worse.

One particularly powerful example is _____. (Acts 6:8 - 8:1)

Many saw a supernatural _____ and were drawn to Jesus through moments like this.

Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-25)

He was on his way to _____ to persecute Christians.

A light from heaven flashed, Paul fell to the ground, _____.

Ananias arrives, _____ and serving Paul in spite of the evil he had done.

God had the power to strike him blind, or worse, yet chose to _____ him.

Paul turned to Christ after realizing the *power* of his _____.

God is Love

Anyone reading 1 Corinthians 13 eventually finds themselves falling _____.

No one can even try this without an encounter with _____.

Jesus is _____, _____, _____, _____...

Jesus _____ all things, believes all things, hopes all things, _____ all things.

Paul as a New Man

He went from _____ for God to risking his life daily for the Good News of Jesus Christ.

There was now a love in his heart for all people, even those trying to _____ him.

As we encounter Jesus today, can we respond to all manner of difficulties with _____ like he did?

What is God saying to you today? _____

What are you going to do about it? _____