Let's Look at the Book of Acts ~ June 9, 2013 "A Controversial Conversion" Acts 9:10-25

- 10 Now there was a **disciple** at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
- 11 And the Lord *said* to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying,
- 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."
- 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;
- 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."
- 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen *vessel* of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;
- 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."
- 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "**Brother** Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
- 18 And **immediately** there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;
- 19 and he took food and was strengthened.
 Now for several days he was with **the disciples** who were at Damascus,
- and **immediately** he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."
- 21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

- 22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews (*to the point of irritation*) who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.
- 23 When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him,
- 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;
- 25 but **his disciples** took him by night and let him down through *an opening in* the wall, lowering him in a large basket.

2 Corinthians 11:32–33

- 32 In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,
- 33 and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and so escaped his hands.

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Upcoming Events

- For any of the **FREE** classes listed below, please fill out a registration card found in the Foyer information area and place it in the drop-off slot or give to an usher, or you can now register online @ www.lgministries.org under Class/Event Registration.
- → <u>Today</u> ~ <u>Fundraiser BBQ Chicken Dinner</u> after service in the Fellowship Hall to benefit Jim & Emily Ohlinger who are leaving in August to be a part of the church in Uganda for a year. <u>The cost of the meal is \$5 per person/\$20 per family and includes BBQ chicken, assorted salads, beans, & bread. There will also be a baked goods table with various desserts for sale.</u>
- → June 16th July 7th ~ Old Testament Survey, Part 2 (Adult Education Class) @ 8:45-9:45 am (Sundays for 4 weeks) in Classroom #1.
- → June 22nd ~ Team Rally @ 6-7:30 pm in the Chapel. Have you been thinking about getting involved in ministry, but you are not sure where to start? Perhaps you know what you would like to do, but not sure who to talk to about it? Join us for our ministry team rally. We will have a time of worship together, and we will have a question and answer time with the ministry teams. Meet the people involved and get the information you need!
- → <u>July 1st & 8th</u> ~ <u>Intensified Evangelism</u> (Adult Education Class) @ <u>6-7:30 pm</u> ~ a study of the purpose, motive, and biblical methodology of evangelism (Classroom #1)
- → July 8th 12th ~ *Vacation Bible School (VBS)* @ 9 am-12 noon. Please call Becky Fortin @ 584-3778 or email her @ yep@lgministries.org to register your children & to get more information, or you may now register online under Class/Event Registration.
- → July 14th & 21st ~ Intro. to Living Grace Church Class @ 12 noon-12:45 pm ~ this class will explain our core values, mission, & ministry. If you are new or have never attended this class, please join us (upstairs classrooms).
- → July 15th, 22nd, & 29th ~ *Intensified Worship* (Adult Education Class) @ 6-7:30 pm ~ a biblical and practical look at the spiritual content and purpose of worship (Classroom #1).

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