Sermon Notes May 16, 2021

The Church Spreads Through Persecution "Saul to Paul"

Acts 8:1-9:31

Around the world _____ will be martyred today for allegiance to Christ.
Who was the first martyr in Church history? _____.

Acts 8:1 Persecution led by _____ started and the young Christian community was _____.
What was intended to crush the movement became fuel for the gospel's _____.

Acts 8:3 What did Saul do against the Christians?

Who inspired Saul according to John 12:31?
When a person is finally won over to the side of Christ by God, taking up a cross means to _____ the world and follow Jesus.
That means_____ others about your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Saul was well _____. He was a young _____. He felt that Christians were _____ so wanted to purge and purify Israel of them so the Messiah would _____.

Act 8:4 These people fled for their lives but they took the _____ with them.
Acts 8:5 "*Philip went down to a city in* _____ *and proclaimed the Messiah there.*
Acts 8:26-40 the Gospel spread to _____when Philip witnessed to a government official from there.

Acts 9:1–6 Where did Saul go to spread the persecution? _____
Who met him on his trip there? _____. What did Jesus say to him? Why are you _____ *me?"*

Acts 9:15 What descriptor did God refer to Saul? *My* _____ _____

Paul continued being a zealot. He just changed to being a zealot for _____.
Acts 9:27-28 *In Damascus Paul preached* _____*in the name of Jesus.*

Do not lose hope if you feel like God could never forgive you.

Romans 11:13 Paul was transformed from God's enemy to the "_____ to the Gentiles".

Redemption is the work of God to deliver people from the slavery of _____ by sending his Son to bear the penalty for our sin and die in our place. We are rescued and _____ to a right relationship with God.