





## WELCOME TO CAC

Pastor and Sis. McKinney, along with the CAC Church Family, would like to thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today.

We hope you find your visit informative and inspirational and one that will keep you coming back. If you have any questions feel free to contact our ushers or staff. Connect with CAC today and let CAC be your home church.

We hope to see you in future services!

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### *Casket Or Basket?*

**Acts 9:22-25** But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. 23 And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: 24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

Saul, also known as Paul, had just become

a follower of Jesus and began immediately increasing in strength as he began preaching and teaching that Jesus is the Christ. Paul went from a persecutor to a preacher. Paul began to convince folks who were already followers of Jesus to accept him as a fellow Christ. Paul also influenced those who were not Christians that Jesus is truly the only Savior—the very Christ.

His preaching and teaching in helping people become disciples of Jesus didn't set well with the people that once supported him in his quest to arrest those who were followers of Jesus. In fact, it didn't take them long to turn on Paul when they realized that he was now a disciple of Jesus. When this happened, they (the Jews) wanted to kill Paul. Remember, the desire to destroy the Church was the agenda of the day. The pursuit to silence and squash the *Jesus movement* of their day was being pushed forward by those who opposed Jesus. They waited at the gates day and night to capture Paul and kill him. They wanted to put him in a *casket*.

When the disciples heard that the Jews were waiting at the gates, and of their plan to kill Paul, they took Paul and let him down during the night by the wall in a basket.

The Jews wanted to put Paul in a *casket*, but the disciples put him in a *basket*. The disciples didn't want the powerful influence that Paul showed to be silenced. They wanted it to continue. They didn't want the ministry of Paul to come to naught; they wanted it to reach more people.

We can't let the message of Jesus be put in a *casket*, we must put it in a *basket*, so it will continue to reach the lost, the hurting, and the backslider. After all, it was 12 baskets full of fragments that were gathered and taken away from that great miracle Jesus performed in feeding the 5,000 in Mark 6:43. Others would be fed, and the miracle would continue.

Are you helping the miracle continue? Are you helping to reach others with the greatest opportunity known to man—becoming a disciple of Jesus? Let's keep helping people preach and teach about Jesus.. Don't allow the message of Jesus to be put in a *casket*, *DOA--Dead On Arrival* after Church, Let's keep the message alive by putting it in *baskets* that are taken away from the services and continue to reach others.

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