

**(NEW TESTAMENT)**

**TO LIVE IS CHRIST**

**When on the dusty road to Damascus, Saul met Jesus face to face**

**A light turned on within his heart that nothing could ever erase.**

**That Jesus the Christ was Messiah, he did zealously prove and preach**

**To the Jews, gentiles and kings, plus anyone he could possibly reach.**

**Paul, the one who had faultlessly guarded and protected the Pharisee law**

**Was now proclaiming Jesus as Messiah to each and everyone he saw**

**Rejected by Jews and Christians because of his well known past**

**For everyone's sake and welfare, back to Tarsus Paul was cast.**

**Barnabus, son of encouragement, knowing the church was growing fast**

**Looked up Saul, later named Paul, a friend he remembered from the past**

**By inviting him to be a member of his team, his faith in Paul was shown**

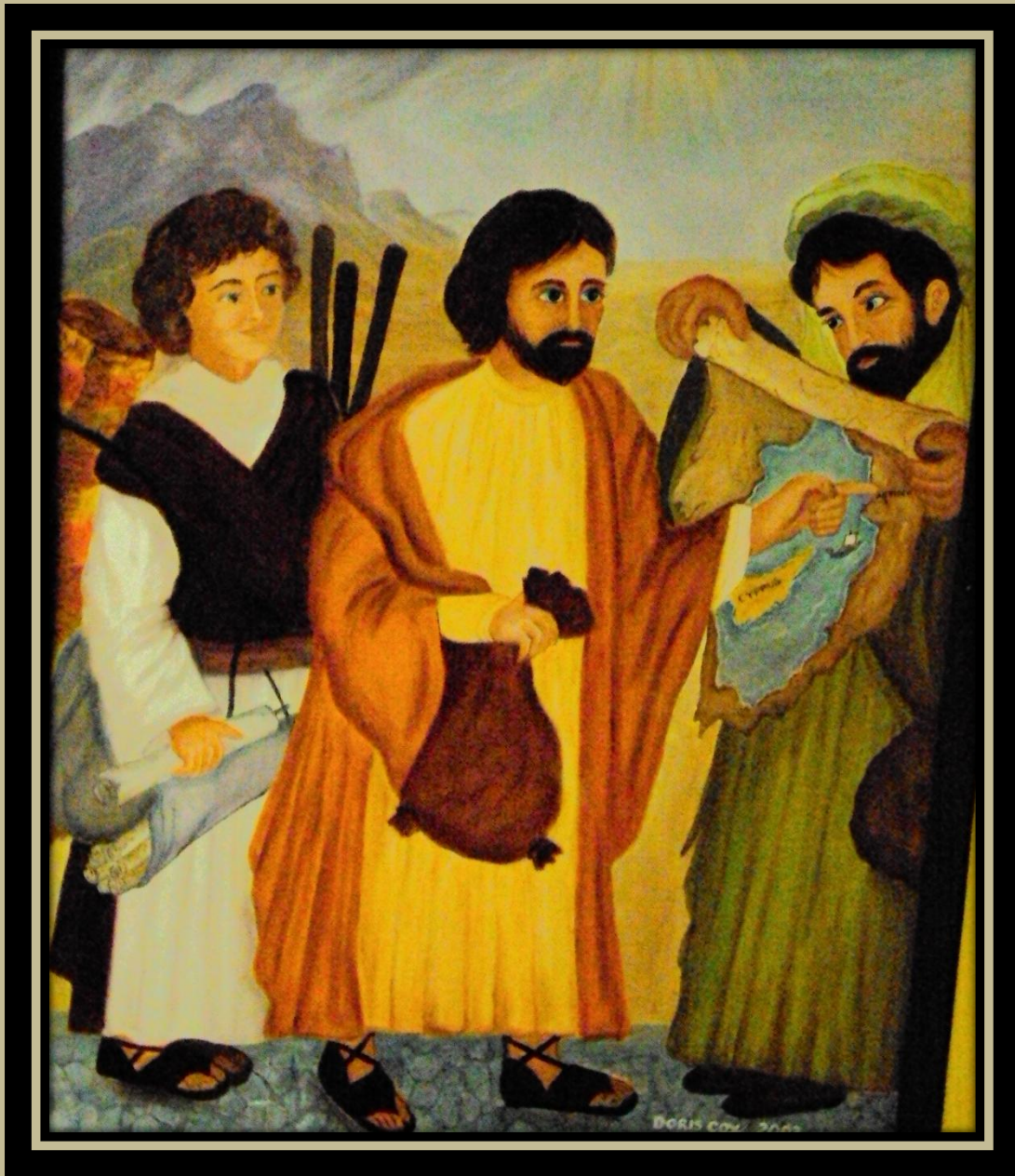
**Giving birth to the greatest missionary the church of Christ has known.**

**Entrusting everything to Christ, Paul fought the fight and finished the race**

**And even when death assailed him, Jesus his Savior he did embrace**

**Thus, when we as Christians speak for Jesus, enduring grief and pain**

**We like Paul truly believe, "To live is Christ and to die is gain."**



(“Paul’s Missionary Journey” painted by Doris Cox)

## Acts 13: 2

**While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.**