

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

ACTS 9:1-31

Saul's Conversion (v.1-9)

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2. Jesus _____ with the persecution of His Church in such a way that He tells Saul that not only is he _____ Jesus' followers, but in fact he is persecuting Jesus! (v.4)
3. Notice how Saul (later Paul) speaks about this... Jesus " _____ " Paul (*Phil 3:12*); The _____ had shone into Paul's heart (*1 Cor 4:6*); God's grace _____ for Paul (*1 Tim 1:12-14*).

Saul & Ananias In Damascus (v.10-25)

1. Ananias is _____ but obedient. (v.10-17)
2. Paul is _____, strengthened and begins to _____ the Gospel. (v.18-20)
3. The people are _____ at this. (v.21)
4. The Gospel is _____ and the _____ continues. (v.22-25)
Gal 1:11-18

Saul In Jerusalem (v.26-31)

- The Church had _____.
- The Church was being _____ (spiritually, not physically).
- The Church walked in the _____ of the Lord.
- The Church walked in the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
- The Church _____.

One Last Encouragement

- The story of God saving Saul _____ that His arms are not _____ to save anyone!
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3. Notice how Saul (later Paul) speaks about this... Jesus "took possession of" Paul (*Phil 3:12*); The light of Christ had shone into Paul's heart (*1 Cor 4:6*); God's grace overflowed for Paul (*1 Tim 1:12-14*).

Saul & Ananias In Damascus (v.10-25)

1. Ananias is cautious but obedient. (v.10-17)
2. Paul is baptized, strengthened and begins to proclaim the Gospel. (v.18-20)
3. The people are amazed at this. (v.21)
4. The Gospel is proclaimed and the persecution continues. (v.22-25)
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Saul In Jerusalem (v.26-31)

- The Church had peace.
- The Church was being built (spiritually, not physically).
- The Church walked in the fear of the Lord.
- The Church walked in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.
- The Church multiplied.

One Last Encouragement

- The story of God saving Saul reminds us that His arms are not too short to save anyone!
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