

## Acts 9: 1-31

In the last chapter we saw the eunuch, a son of Ham saved, in this chapter we see Saul a son of Shem saved, in the next chapter we see Cornelius a Roman, the son of Japheth saved . Representatives of all mankind through Noah's three sons.

As look at this passage, we will focus on three things in Saul's life

- **his conviction**
- **his conversion**
- **his consecration**

### - his conviction

v.1 in Greek the breathing was a result of the threats and murders, breathing down their necks.

- The Way is how they were referred to- something drastically different about these people

### - his conversion

v.4 Why are you persecuting Me? The body of Christ

- kick against the goads- goads are used to make oxen do what they are suppose to do- Saul was convicted and fighting it

- maybe he had heard already- **Rom. 16:7 through Rom. 16:8** <sup>7</sup>*Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.*

<sup>8</sup>*Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.*

- It is Jesus-

**Phil. 2:8 through Phil. 2:11**<sup>8</sup>*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Acts 4: 12**<sup>12</sup>*Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

**John 14:6** <sup>6</sup>*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

## **WE ARE AMAZED AT THIS MIRACULOUS CONVERSION BUT ALL CONVERSIONS ARE JUST AS MIRACULOUS**

v.8 He arose and saw no one- examine spiritual significance of this

**What do you want me to do?- key question**

v.10-14 Ananias used- ordinary man

### **his consecration**

v.15 chosen vessel- we too are vessels chosen for his purpose in our lives

v.17 Brother Saul- what an attitude

**- filled with the Holy Spirit- explain again difference between indwelling and empowerment**

v.18 scales fell- received sight- baptized, received food and was strengthened  
**-explain importance of baptism**

v.20 preached Jesus

v. 31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Galilee & Samaria The text of the Book of Acts tells us nothing about the establishment of churches in Galilee. We don't know who started these churches, how they did it, or all the great works of God which took place in these young churches.

- The churches . . . had peace: This doesn't mean that all persecution had stopped; instead, it means that they had peace in the midst of persecution.

- The churches . . . were edified: The word edified has the idea of being built up. The churches were growing in numbers and strength.

The fear of the Lord . . . the comfort of the Holy Spirit: Which of these do you need more today? Of course, we need both, but which do you need more today: The fear of the Lord or the comfort of the Holy Spirit? Often, God wants the comfortable to be afflicted (gaining the fear of the Lord) and the afflicted to be comforted (by the comfort of the Holy Spirit).

we all want to be Paul- let's look at

Stephen

Paul's saved relatives- *Andronicus and Junia*

Ananias

Barnabas

The disciples who allowed Paul into their fellowship after his persecution of them

How do we fit into God's plan for multiplying the church ?

- respond to conviction in your life
- be converted- saved or living sacrifice
- walk in consecration