

February 4, 2018  
Acts 9:1-19

## AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING AND RESURRECTED CHRIST

### I. Introduction:

### II. Unpacking The Passage: (Acts 9:1-19)

#### A. Saul Was Converted To A New \_\_\_\_\_

1. Saul's Previous Mission: \_\_\_\_\_  
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##### a. The Character of Saul:

He was \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1)

He was a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1)

He was on a \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2)

God did not change his character. God did not change his circumstances. God redirected them towards a new mission.

2. Saul's New Mission: Fulfill The Great Commission "Go and make Disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:18-20.

#### B. Saul Was Converted To A New \_\_\_\_\_

1. Saul was formerly an instrument of Satan, now he was to be an instrument of God.

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. Acts 9:15

<sup>12</sup>“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as **an instrument of wickedness**, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as **an instrument of righteousness**.<sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.” Romans 6:12-14

### C. Saul Was Converted To A New \_\_\_\_\_

What Happened To Saul?

- He was filled with the Holy Spirit (vs. 17)
- He saw through new eyes (vs. 18)
- He was baptized (vs. 18)

### III. Conclusion and Application:

**Points To Ponder**  
**Week of February 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Acts 9:1-19**

#### Open It

1. How would you describe the most intimidating person you know?
2. \*If you could have a surprise visit from someone, whom would you want to visit you?
3. What was the most unusual experience that ever happened to you when you were growing up?

## **Explore It**

4. What was Saul doing against the Lord's disciples? (9:1-2)
5. What was "the Way"? (9:2)
6. What happened to Saul as he approached Damascus? (9:3-6)
7. Whom did Saul meet? (9:3-6)
8. In persecuting the church, whom was Saul really attacking? (9:5)
9. What did the resurrected Lord Jesus order Saul to do? (9:6)
10. What did Saul's traveling companions experience when Saul met the risen Christ? (9:7)
11. How did Saul get to Damascus after his meeting with the Lord?

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12. Who was Ananias? (9:10)
13. \*What did the Lord instruct Ananias to do? (9:10-12)
14. \*Why was Ananias reluctant to do as the Lord asked? (9:13-14)
15. \*How did God persuade Ananias that it was all right to go to Saul? (9:15-16)
16. To what service had Saul been called? (9:15-16)
17. How did Ananias do the Lord's bidding? (9-17)
18. What did Saul do when his vision returned? (9:18-19)

## **Get It**

19. What was your conversion experience like?
20. To what ministry has God called you?
21. In what ways do we sometimes hold back from doing what God wants?
22. Why do we sometimes resist what God asks of us?
23. What happens when we resist doing what God wants?
24. If you were temporarily disabled, how might it benefit your spiritual life?
25. How can fasting help us focus on spiritual needs?
26. What are some of the many ways a person can play a part in leading someone to Christ?
27. What are some ways we can welcome new believers into the body of Christ?
28. \*What do older, more mature Christians have to offer younger, less mature Christians?
29. \*How can you be a guide and help to younger Christians in your church?
30. How can you lean on another Christian to help you uncover God's will for your life? Who is this person?

## **Apply It**

31. How can you challenge a friend or neighbor with the message of salvation this week?
32. \*What is one thing you could do this week to help a younger Christian grow in his or her faith?
33. From what more mature Christian can you seek advice or counsel this week?

