



The Conversion of a Persecutor (Acts 9:1-31)

Questions: Week Seventeen

Saul's Conversion - [Acts 9:1-19](#)

Topics: [Blindness](#), [Christianity](#), [Church](#), [Fasting](#), [Holy Spirit](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Obedience](#), [Prayer](#), [Restoration](#), [Salvation](#)

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? ([9:8](#))
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?

Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem - [Acts 9:20-31](#)

Topics: [Change](#), [Church](#), [Holy Spirit](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Peace](#), [Persecution](#), [Power](#), [Witnessing](#)

Open It

1. If you could make one significant change in your life this year, what would it be?
2. *If you were constantly harassed on your job, what would you most likely do about it?

Explore It

3. After spending some days with the Christians in Damascus, what did Saul do? ([9:20-21](#))
4. What was the focus of Saul's message? ([9:20](#))
5. How did people react to their former enemy? ([9:21](#))
6. Why were the Jews living in Damascus baffled by Saul? ([9:22](#))
7. *What did the Jews plan for Saul? Why? ([9:23](#))
8. *How did Saul outwit his enemies? ([9:24-25](#))
9. Who mistrusted Saul in Jerusalem? ([9:26](#))
10. Who welcomed Saul in Jerusalem? ([9:27](#))
11. How did Barnabas help the apostles accept Saul? ([9:27](#))
12. *What did Saul do while he was with the apostles? ([9:28-29](#))
13. How did Saul follow in Stephen's footsteps? ([9:29](#))
14. As a result of the threat on his life, where was Saul taken by his friends? ([9:30](#))
15. What was the state of the young church at this time? ([9:31](#))

Get It

16. *Why do unbelievers sometimes oppose those who tell others about Christ?
17. What is the difference between opposition to our faith and opposition to our personality?
18. How have you changed because of knowing Jesus?
19. Why did the disciples in Jerusalem fear Saul?
20. Why did Saul have a significant testimony to others?
21. *In what ways can a new Christian have a unique witness to friends and associates?
22. What fellow Christian has served as an inspirational example to you?
23. How could a person like Barnabas help heal wounds in a church group?
24. If your life were threatened, whom could you count on to protect you?
25. What particular group of people would you feel most comfortable telling about Christ?
26. How does the state of your church compare with that of the early church?

Apply It

27. *This week, how can you prepare for discussions about God with your coworkers or non-Christian friends?
28. What can you do to welcome people to your church?
29. Who could you welcome into your place of work, church, or community this week? How?