

# Paul: To Rome and the Romans

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## Paul Tells of His Conversion

**Acts 22:1.** Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you. 2. (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,) 3. I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. 4. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. 5. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. 6. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. 7. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 8. And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. 9. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. 10. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be

### Memory Verse – 1 Timothy 1:12, 13

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor.

told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. 11. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. 12. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, 13. Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. 14. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. 16. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

## BEFORE CLASS

### Who Said?

The following quotations come from our lesson verses. Who said them in the first place?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. "Who art thou, Lord?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. "Brother Saul, receive thy sight."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. "The God of our fathers hath chosen thee."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. "What shall I do, Lord?"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. "Arise, and be baptized."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. "It shall be told thee of all things which are appointed unto thee to do."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. "Thou shalt be his witness unto all men."

## TO DO IN CLASS

### How Conversion Brought Change

Match each person with the change brought about in his life by meeting Jesus or being converted.

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. Zacchaeus                      | a. blessed the church instead of persecuting it.                          |
| ___ 2. Andrew                         | b. returned to the master he stole from.                                  |
| ___ 3. Saul                           | c. believed Jesus instead of mocking.                                     |
| ___ 4. Philippian<br>jailer           | d. gave back four times as much as he had<br>cheated people of.           |
| ___ 5. Onesimus                       | e. had living waters instead of dissatisfaction.                          |
| ___ 6. Peter                          | f. fished for men instead of fish.  |
| ___ 7. Penitent thief<br>on the cross | g. brother of Andrew who witnessed boldly<br>for Jesus after denying Him. |
| ___ 8. Samaritan<br>woman             | h. believed Paul's words instead of killing<br>himself.                   |

## A Changed Life

Jesus changes lives. Write **B** beside characteristics of people who do not know Jesus. Write **A** beside the things that accompany salvation.

- \_\_\_ 1. love for Jesus
- \_\_\_ 2. dishonesty
- \_\_\_ 3. hatred
- \_\_\_ 4. disobedient to parents
- \_\_\_ 5. tells others about Jesus and His love
- \_\_\_ 6. loves others, including those who mistreat him
- \_\_\_ 7. tells jokes during the preacher's sermon to distract others
- \_\_\_ 8. obedient to the Bible
- \_\_\_ 9. tells the truth
- \_\_\_ 10. talks back to the Sunday school teacher
- \_\_\_ 11. enjoys improper stories and pictures

- \_\_\_ 12. grumbles and complains
- \_\_\_ 13. swears
- \_\_\_ 14. always tries to do a good job
- \_\_\_ 15. shows reverence to God and His Word

## Changes to Make

Paul made a big change after he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. How should these children and young people change?

1. Peeking over the twisting vines of the pea plants, Lana saw Mom disappearing into the house. Immediately her fingers slowed. She eased into a more comfortable position on the hard dry ground. Absentmindedly, she picked at a snag in her dress. Her thoughts were miles away when she heard the house door slam. Immediately she straightened her posture and began picking peas furiously.

2. "Row four, go to the back table and choose the color of construction paper you wish to use," Miss Stoll announced.

Donna hopped out of her seat and brushed past all her classmates in row four. Planting herself in front of the table, she hastily sorted through the colorful papers. Under her arm she tucked her favorite colors to sort through later. Her classmates stood beside her, shuffling through the papers that were left.

3. "Leah, are you almost done?" Daniel pounded on the bathroom door. "Hurry up! I need to shower yet before church!"

Leah squirted more shampoo into her hair. She lathered it with her hands, enjoying the delightful smell. Slowly, she lowered her head beneath the water tap and rinsed the suds from her hair.

"Leah, did you hear me?" Daniel pounded again. "Hurry, or we'll be late!"

"Okay," Leah responded at last. She picked up the bottle of hair conditioner and applied some to her hair. She let the warm water run over her scalp. *Oh, this feels so good.* Again, she heard pounding on the door. *That Daniel! He's so impatient! Surely he can wait five more minutes.*

4. Brandon settled himself comfortably into the pew. As he flipped through his notepad, the pastor's voice conveniently faded away. Page after page was filled with his hand-drawn farm machinery. At last he found an empty page. With his pencil he began sketching the new style of manure spreader he had seen in the *Farm Show* magazine. Absorbed completely in his art, he forgot entirely that he was in church.
5. "Roger!" Mom looked over at him, astonished. "Wherever did you hear that awful word?"
- "Aww, everyone says it," Roger shrugged. "Besides, it's not really *that* bad."
- Mom's voice was firm. "Never say that word again even if others are saying it. The Bible clearly commands us not to swear. How do you think God feels when He hears you or your friends using that word?"