

SAUL'S CONVERSION

Acts 9:1-19a (22:1-16; 26:4-18)

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A “conversion” account is really an account of surrender.

Why do you think Saul pursued Christians to Damascus?

Why was Saul so violent?

Who takes the initiative in this account of Saul and Jesus?

Why?

Who did Saul believe he was persecuting? Who was he really persecuting? (See vs 4-5)

Why do people end up in hell?

In vs 5, what is Saul's response? Do you think he knew or didn't know? Why/Why not?

What can you learn from Saul's/Paul's testimony in
1 Timothy 1:12-17?

In vs 22:10, what does Saul ask? How does he address
Jesus?

In vs 9:6 – what command does Saul receive? It is time to
obey.

- What is Jesus telling you to do? Are you obeying?

What happens to Saul as a result of his encounter with Jesus? What changes happened in your life?

Who is Ananias? What is Jesus requiring of him?

Who is Jesus calling you to go to? How fearful are you?
Why?

For Ananias, Saul is no longer a cause of suffering, but Saul will be shown how much he will suffer as Paul the Apostle.

- *1 Corinthians 4:9-13*
- *2 Corinthians 11:23-29*
- *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

Faith in Jesus Christ brings great blessings, but often great suffering too.

God calls us to commitment, not to comfort.

He promises to be with us through suffering and hardship.

Hebrews 13:5

His grace will be sufficient.

2 Corinthians 12:9

As the Ethiopian was baptized (*Acts 8:38*), so Saul is baptized (*vs 18b*).

Why should a “believer” be baptized?