



Saul's Conversion and Commissioning

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Memory Verse: II Corinthians 5-17

Next Weeks Lesson: Acts 13

God's Power to Change a life

In Acts Chapter 9 we find the young Saul preparing for a murderous journey to Damascus in search of Christians.

The Scripture says that Saul was "breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord". This literally means to breathe in and breathe out Saul was enthusiastically getting rid of Christians.

Our wonderful Savior had other plans for Saul. He met him on the road to Damascus and changed his heart.

How did God change Saul's heart?

The men who were with Saul were afraid because they heard God's voice but did not see anything?

How do you think you would feel if you were with Saul?

Saul's conversion was a very important time in Church history. His conversion was important especially for you and I because before this time the Gospel was only preached to the Jews. Jesus sent Saul specifically to preach to the Gentiles. Gentiles are anyone who is not born a Jew.

Many times in the Bible God says that He will take the kingdom away from the Jews because they did not accept it. (1 Sam 15:28, Matt 21:43)

God changed the life of one of the most vicious Christian haters into a most useful servant.

What can we learn from this?

Even though Saul did many terrible things God still used him and used him so powerfully that he wrote most of the New Testament. (*He wrote 12 of them*)

God changed Saul's life in a wonderful demonstration of His power. God can do the same in our lives.

God loves us so much that He wants us all to know Him and believe in Him.

What must we do to be saved?

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, His death, burial and resurrection and you shall be saved.

Life Application

If we believe in God He will change our lives just like He did Saul's.

Have you asked him into your life? If you have you can have the confidence that you are saved. If not talk to your parents or an adult you trust about it.

Memory Verse

Therefore if any man is in Christ he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come.