

The Acts of the Apostles

Part I: Peter and the Other Apostles Witness in Jerusalem and the Surrounding Areas (Acts 1-12)

Session 8: The Conversion of Saul (9:1-31)

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- I. Read Philippians 3:4-11. Why does Paul bring up his former persecution of the Church? What did he think he was doing by persecuting the Church?

- II. What was Saul given the authority to do? (vv. 1-2)

- III. Who does Saul encounter on the way to Damascus?
 - a. Who was Saul persecuting according to vv. 4-5? Why is that so?

- IV. Saul had come for the disciples in Damascus. Who was the disciple in Damascus sent to Saul? What was he told to do in vv. 11-12?

- V. What was Ananias' response in vv. 13-14? What do you think he was feeling?

- VI. What was the Lord's response in vv. 15-16? What does ministry in Christ bring?
 - a. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; 12:9-10. How did Paul view suffering?

- VII. *Note:* "The way/road" in v. 17 is the same word as "the Way" in v. 2. It contrasts that Saul that he was going one "way," but God had in store a different "Way" (cf. "chosen instrument" in v. 15).

- VIII. Read Paul's words in Romans 6:3-4. How was his own baptism in Acts 9:18 like a crucifixion and resurrection to new life?

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- IX. What was Saul proclaiming in v. 20? What was the reaction to him?
- a. What was the eventual reaction to Saul's ministry in Damascus? (v. 23)
- X. Why were the disciples afraid of Saul? (v. 26) Who vouched for him? (v. 27)
- a. Again, what was the reaction to Saul's ministry? (v. 29)
- XI. *Note:* Saul would spend fourteen years in Tarsus (v. 30; cf. Gal. 2:1).
- XII. Why did the church have peace? (v. 31)
- a. What do you think "walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit" means?