

ACTS

CHAPTER 9:10-19

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TITLE:

“ A CHRISTIAN WELCOME ”

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**“

The L.A. Times, Wednesday ‘A Conscience Cries Out’

There’s No Doubt Mary Steins Last Words “Oh Lord I’m Coming Home’ cried out from the grave... into the conscience of Julian Imperial that he would say ‘I’m Tired of Running From The Lord’

Just Like The Last Words of Stephen haunting Saul of Tarsus from beyond the grave - The Conscience Has No Place to Hide!

Acts 7:58-59

and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. :59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Like Cain Who Killed his Baby Brother, Abel

Genesis 4:10

"What have you done Cain? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the grave.

Last Week Saul Was a Man...

1.) Saul, A Man *Running* From God *vv. 1-2*

2.) Saul, A Man *Convicted* By God *vv. 3-5*

3.) Saul, A Man *Broken* For God *vv. 6-9*

1.) Saul, A Man *Converted* to God *vv. 10-19*

I will Confess to you, Conversion is the Goal of much of Our
Preaching and teaching here at Calvary Chapel

- Why Ananias? *Why Not One of the Big Wheels?*
- Who was Ananias? He was a certain disciple
He wasn't an apostle, wasn't a recognized Leader in the church..

GRK I, Lord (say the word) a gentle and humble response.

Acts 22:12

Ananias, a *devout man* (a man who loved God) according to the law, having a *good testimony* (a notable reputation) with all the Jews who *dwelt there*, (Damascus)

- Saul Was Devout... So was Ananias, He could relate.
his name means "God is Gracious"
- According to Church History *Ananias became the bishop/Pastor to the Church of Damascus and was killed for Faith in Jesus*

God can and does use some of the most obscure believers to do His
mighty deeds.

What's the name of the person who led **Billy Graham** to Christ ?

What's the name of the person who led **Dwight L. Moody** to Christ ?

What's the name of the person who led **Charles Spurgeon** to Christ ?

We Learn Something Very Important Here

#1.) God's Work is *always* Public & Private

- The Public, Blinding encounter with Jesus led to a Private personal meeting with unknown Ananias. - God's Public Word to you in church will speak to you Privately in heart.

#2.) Never Underestimate The Value of One Soul

At this time • Peter was ministering to thousands in Jerusalem

- Philip was preaching to hundreds in Caesarea.
- Ananias was discipling One man in Damascus

I think of the thousands of Lives *who have been converted and disciplined through Chuck Smith, The churches around the world that have been planted, the pastors who have been raised up through him. The One Whom Billy Graham stated, was his Pastor*

Straight Street

Nearly 3 miles long running east to west and is there still today

For Behold, He's Praying...

reconnects to verse 9, 3 day's & nights of prayer

"Prayer is the Autograph of the Holy Spirit upon a new Heart"

- Charles Spurgeon

*Paul, No doubt, Motionless, Blind,
Held by the Power God.*

Being Born isn't Always Easy....

O' What a Cute Baby -- Looks Just Like Her Father...

No Teeth, Bald Headed, Wrinkled and just plain Ugly

Consider Why they look like that....**Narrow is the way**

Acts 14:22
that we must through much tribulation enter (be Birthed)
into the kingdom of God.

Like Julian Imperial, Just Like Saul

John 3:3
Jesus said.... "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you're born again, you will not see the
kingdom of God."

Verse 12

God has Wonderfully prepared the way...
You Share the News !!!

Verse 13,14

Note This;

See also Verse 14

Your Saints, 'Possession'

Your Name..... Connecting us to Verse 4

Saints GRK 40 hagios (hag'-ee-os)

pure, consecrated, to be set apart for a purpose

to be most holy, to be sainted Positionally (**not always saintly**)

from the root word *hagos* (*an awful, terrible thing*)

**How on Earth do you get that meaning
from such a bad root word ?**

Because there is a very special **i** placed in the middle of that
awfulness

He's Absolutely INTO YOU !!!

Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Ephesians 1:18

Having the eyes of your understanding enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, *what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints*.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts, blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Jude 1:14

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

Romans 8:27

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

You're The Most Wonderful Thing In The World To God

Ananias INFORMED God of How much Authority Saul Had

Verse 15

He is a Chosen Vessel of Mine

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>>>>>> **Three Important Observations Here** <<<<<<<

1.) **He's 'Chosen' the word means elected...(tion)**

Ephesians 1:4

he hath chosen us in Jesus before the foundation of the world were every established, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
(because you're chosen)

John 15:16

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit,

2.) **He's a Vessel the word means pot or container**

2 Timothy 2:20

But in a great house there are not only vessels (*pots & containers*) of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, (*in beautiful positions*) and some to dishonor (*in disgusting positions*).

2 Timothy 2:21

Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, (*a disgusting position*) he will be a vessel for honor, (*in a beautiful positions*) sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

In The Practical World...

What Makes a Vessel, tool of Honor ?

What it Contains

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. :6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. :7 But we have this treasure in **earthen vessels**, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

Like In Judges 7:19,20

Remember, Saul is still *praying at this point, and while he's praying the call comes to his life for his life.*

3.) To Bear My Name the word means to endure a load to death

Matthew 3:11

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear:

Luke 14:27

"And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Death to Self-life, Death to My demands,
Death to My Wants

“ If You’d Like to **Suffer** for Jesus Christ
Just Come Forward “

Laying his hands on him “said you rotten, good for nothing
Christian killer you’

NO ! What “ *A CHRISTIAN WELCOME* “

~~Not Bruiser Saul, Not Brutal Saul, Not Basher Saul~~

“Brother Saul”

Brother GRK 80 *adepfos (ad-el-fos')*; as in Philadelphia
(implying the womb, **we are womb-mates**)
(A very Precious Term.....my dear friend in love, my dear wombmy... **LOVE !!!**

Quote from Our Statement of Faith

1 John 4:16-17

we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. :17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Scales GRK 3013 *lepis (lep-is')*

lepo (to peel); a flake or a skin. It’s used in regards to fish scales or crocodile scales... A Barrier or Shield or Wall

I believe this was the moment of Conversion for Saul
symbolized in what looked like scales falling. • *Were there scale-like things falling from his eyes ?* • *Was it in the spirit rather than Physical sense*

2 Corinthians 3:15

**But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.
:16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.**

2 Corinthians 4:3,4

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, :4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

The Veil of the Temple Was Torn, Exposing the Holy of Holies....
that Was Once Forbidden

The *INSTANCES* of Conversion

- *Ruth, Ruth, 1:16* • *Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel 4*
- *The mariners with Jonah, Jonah 1,* • *The thief on the cross Luke 23:39*

The *ZEAL* that follows Conversion *(Of course the word is Enthusiasm*

- *Andrew, John 1:40-41,* • *The blind men, Matthew 9:31*
- *The deaf man, Mark 7:36*

Luke 15:6-7

Jesus said regarding the saving of the lost "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost! :7 "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

Big Sinner, Big Party • Little Sinner, Big Party

Luke 7:47

"Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loves much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

We Now Live in a Disposable World

God Lives in a Convertible World...

He's not a Re-Cycler

He's a Re-Deemer

Jack I Want to Get Saved... How do I do it ?

#1. Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

#2,3 Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and #3 believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:10

For with the heart **one believes unto righteousness,**
and with the mouth **confession is made unto salvation.**