

"The Conversion of Saul" Acts 9:1-22.

1-The first mention of Saul of Tarsus:

1-The stoning of Stephen Acts 7:58

2-His life as a Pharisee and persecutor of The Christians; Acts 8:3; 26:9-11.

2-Interesting facts about Tarsus, Saul's home.

1-The chief town of Cilicia.

2-It was not only the chief town, but it was no mean city in other respects. Acts 21:39. Acts 22:3.

2-During the civil wars of Rome it took Julius Caesar's side, and on the occasion of a visit from him had its name changed to Juliopolis.

3-Tarsus was a city of much commerce in its day, of this town, no ruins of any importance remain.

3-Interesting facts about Saul of Tarsus.

1-Saul of Tarsus, before his conversion--Up to his going forth as a preacher of Christ to the Gentiles. Acts 13:13 called Paul.

2-Of his parents we know nothing, except that his father was of the tribe of Benjamin, Phil. 3:5, and a Pharisee, Acts 23:6.

3-Saul's conversion the most interesting fact in his life.

(We shall study his conversion under three headings)

1-What Jesus Did.

2-What the preacher did.

3-What Saul did.

4-Saul was sincere in his religion before he became a convert of Christianity.; yet he was absolutely wrong.

5-Saul followed the dictates of his conscience we can follow conscience and be in the wrong oftentimes.

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4-What Jesus did in the conversion of Saul.

1-Jesus appeared personally to Saul on the way to Damascus.

2-Why did Jesus appear to Saul?

3-To tell him what to do to be saved? NO.

4-To pardon his sins? NO.

5-After the ascension, Jesus never appeared to any one to pardon sins. WHY?

1-God has ordained a law of pardon or restoration (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

6-Why did Jesus appear to Saul in person??

1-Make him an apostle (Acts 26:16-18).

Pauls own words:

I have appeared unto thee for this purpose to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; (17) Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, (18) To open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

5-What the preacher did.

Acts 9:17-18; Acts 22:14-16.

6-What the sinner did.

1-He believed. Acts 22:10; What shall I do Lord? He did what he was told to do.

2-He repented. Acts 9:9; In Damascus ~~in~~ three days ~~and~~ nights in a penitent mood.

3-He was baptized. Acts 22:16. How was he baptized? Let Paul answer Romans 6:3-4. Baptism put him into Christ; Gal.3:27.

4-What Jesus did in the conversion of Saul.
1-Jesus appeared personally to Saul on the way to Damascus.

2-Why did Jesus appear to Saul?
3-To tell him what to do to be saved. Acts 9:1-5
4-To burden his mind. Acts 9:5

5-After the encounter, Jesus never appeared to Saul on any other time. Why?
1-666 was ordained a law of pardon on resurrection (Luke 16:16; Acts 2:31)

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Acts 9:17-18; Acts 22:14-16.

4-What did the preacher did.
1-He believed. Acts 22:19; What shall I do Lord? He did what he was told to do.

2-He repented. Acts 9:9; In Damascus, Saul was blind for three days and nights in a desert place.

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