

# ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## Lesson #8 -Conversion of Saul

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-9

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### Introduction:

1. Zeal is a great asset when it is pointed in the right direction -Ro 10:2
2. The conversion of Saul gives us great hope today.
3. In this lesson we will examine the conversion of Saul and the hope that we find through it...

## **I. HIS DEVASTATION -9:1-9**

### A. HIS PERSPECTIVE

1. Saul thought he was doing right in the sight of God -Ac 23:1; Jn 16:2
2. While the Sanhedrin would make threats, Saul was coming after the followers

### B. HIS VISION

1. He learns that he is not pleasing God, but persecuting Christ.
2. When one persecutes the church, he is persecuting the bride of Christ -Ref. Ep 5:25-ff
3. Hard to kick against the goads (i.e. the authority belongs to Christ)
4. Saul is told to enter the city and it will be told what he must do
  - a. The treasure is in earthen vessels -2Co 4:6
  - b. Saul is without his sight. He neither eats nor drinks for three days.

## **II. HIS BAPTISM -9:10-19**

### A. ANANIAS IS RELUCTANT

1. He heard from others concerning the behavior and mission of Saul
2. The Lord convinces him to go

### B. THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM

1. He receives his sight
2. He is then baptized -Ac 22:16

## **III. HE PREACHES JESUS AS THE CHRIST -9:20-31**

### A. HIS PREACHING PUTS HIS LIFE AT RISK

1. He began to prove that Jesus is the Son of God -9:20-22
2. The disciples at Damascus save his life -9:23-25

### B. SOME CONTROVERSY ARISES

1. Some disciples do not believe that his conversion is authentic
2. Barnabas assures them of his conversion and sincerity
3. The church prospers -9:31

### Conclusion:

1. The blood of Jesus is more powerful than any sin man is willing to repent of -1Ti 2:12-15
2. Salvation is for whosoever will!