



# **Saul's Conversion and Ours**

**Acts 9:1-31**

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Paul's spiritual conversion is a spectacular display of God's mercy and grace, but his conversion is also an example of how God saves and commissions all those who come to believe in Jesus for eternal life.

## **From Acts 9:1-31 to Ephesians 2:1-10 – Scripture Interpreting Scripture**

**1.** An Enemy of Jesus / Dead in Sin | Acts 9:1-2; Ephesians 2:1-3

**2.** A Disciple of Jesus / Alive with Christ | Acts 9:3-19a; Ephesians 2:4-9

### Recommended Books

- *All of Grace* by C.H. Spurgeon
- *Finally Alive* by John Piper

### Questions to Consider

1. How does Saul's conversion story challenge, or inform, your view on God's grace and mercy in conversion?
2. Part of what we see in Saul's conversion story is what's formally called "regeneration"; Jesus called it being, "born again". Read Deut. 29:2-4; Ezek. 36:25-27; John 3:1-8. What more do we learn about the "new birth" from these passages?
3. Read Romans 6:16-23. How does this passage continue to inform your understanding of conversion?
4. Jesus so closely identifies with his people in Acts 1:4-5. Why is this/should this be comforting?
5. Read Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 2:29; 1 John 3:9. How does this passage expand on the idea that we are "saved for good works"?
6. The fruit of our salvation is not the root of our salvation. Why is it absolutely crucial to see that good works are a *result* of salvation, but the not *cause*? What are subtle ways we can be tempted to make the fruit the root?