

Text: ACTS 9:1 – 20

Title: The Greatest Conversion of All

INTRODUCTION

How important is the conversion of Saul of Tarsus to Christianity?

I. SAUL'S VIOLENT MISBEHAVIOR (vv. 1-2)

II. SAUL'S VISION OF MESSIAH (vv. 3-9)

A. The Setting – Damascus –

B. The Sighting –

1. *a light from heaven* – v.3

2. *a convicting question* – v.4 “*why persecutest thou men?*”

3. *a meek response* – v. 5 “*Who art thou, Lord?*”

4. *an indictment of Saul's behavior* – v. 5 “*to kick against the pricks.*”

5. *the embrace of a new master* – v. 6 “*Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*”

III. SAUL'S VISITATION BY MESSIAH'S SERVANT (vv. 10-20)

A. His name was ANANIAS. (v. 10)

B. He was given a Command. (v. 11) “*arise and go.*”

C. He was given an Explanation.

1. *God made a choice.*

2. *God's choice involved suffering.* (v. 16)

IV. GOD'S WILL HAS PURPOSE

A. Following the Lord includes surprises.

B. Where there is no fear, there is no faith.

C. Faith always involves an emptying before a filling.

D. Obedience brings blessing.

