

The Transformed Life (Acts 9:23-31)

Last Message we considered how Saul had been changed by the Gospel

We saw the heart of Saul's new world view

What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God?

Why is this the first thing Saul proclaims?

This truth that Jesus is the Son of God must be front

I. Fearlessness in Suffering (9:23-25)

Vs 23 after many days were fulfilled, the Jews plotted to kill Saul

- a. Saul sojourned in Damascus for three years: "after many days"
- b. Saul's sojourn in Arabia

II. Saul Tries to Join the Church in Jerusalem (9:26-29)

- a. The church was wary of Saul (v.26)
- b. Barnabas Discerns & commends Saul to the church (vs27-28)
- c. Saul preaches Christ boldly & disputes with the Hellenistic Jews (v.29)

III. Peace, Edification and Unity in the Church

Within 15 days of Saul being in Jerusalem the Jews wanted to kill him

Brothers found out about a plot to kill Saul (v.30) brought him to Caesarea

Vs 31 churches had rest – persecutions stopped, Saul was sent to Tarsus

1. Churches had *peace*
2. Churches were *edified*
3. Churches *walked in the comfort of the Holy Spirit & were multiplied*