

# HOW DID ANGRY SAUL BECOME APOSTLE PAUL?

Acts 9:19b-31

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## 1. SAUL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS WRONG.

*"All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" At once **he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.**" Acts 9:20-21*

## 2. SAUL BEGAN TO LEARN JESUS.

*"Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ." Acts 9:22*

*"I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. **<sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ..... <sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus.**" Galatians 1:11-12, 15-17*

## 3. SAUL'S ALLIES BECAME OPPONENTS AND ENEMIES.

*"After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him." Acts 9:23-24*

#### 4. SAUL BECAME PART OF A NEW \_\_\_\_\_.

"...and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus." **Acts 9:19b**

"When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem....." **Acts 9:26-28a**

#### 5. SAUL BEGINS HIS NEW \_\_\_\_\_.

Saul was "...speaking boldly in the name of the Lord He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. <sup>30</sup> When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus." **Acts 9:28b-30**

"...that I might preach him among the Gentiles..." **Acts 9:15b**

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." **Acts 9:15-16**

#### 6. SAUL'S DISCIPLES BEGIN TO \_\_\_\_\_.

"But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall." **Acts 9:25**

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord." **Acts 9:31**

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others". **2 Timothy 2:2**