



Series on the Acts of the Apostles #20

Genuine Salvation Changes a Person

Acts 9:19-30

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Introduction: *Saul's conversion was real. He never forgot the experience. He never "got over it."*

- I. Paul was chosen. (Acts 9:15, Eph. 1:3-6, 1 Pet. 2:9)
 - A. The fact of his being chosen.

 - B. The reason for being chosen.
 1. To live holy and godly lives (Acts 9:4)

 2. To the praise of His glory (Acts. 9:6)

- II. Paul convinced his hearers of the validity of his salvation. (Acts 9:20-22)
 - A. His preaching emphasized the utter futility of confidence in works. (Phil. 3:4-8)

 - B. His preaching emphasized total confidence in the finished work of Christ. (Phil. 3:9ff)

- III. Paul's life was radically changed through his salvation. (Acts 9:19-31, 2 Cor. 5:17)
 - A. New purpose for living (Acts. 9:15-16)

 - B. New friends (Acts. 9:10-17, 19)

 - C. New speech (Acts 9:20, 28)

 - D. New thinking (Phil 2:1-3)

 - E. New boldness (Acts 9:23-25, 28-29)

 - F. New attitude toward suffering (Acts 9:16; Col. 1:24)

Conclusion: *What changes took place after your salvation? Are the changes observable? Is your life and lifestyle in conformity with God's Word? What needs to still change in your life? Are you working on it? Are you willing to work on it?*