

The Marks of True Conversion

The ACTS of the Holy Spirit Acts 9:1-23

No Matter What You Have Done Anyone Can Be Saved!

Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. ² He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains. Acts 9:1-2

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First, Genuine Salvation Involves a _____ with Christ. 3-8

³ As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!" ⁶ Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! ⁸ Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. Acts 9:3-8

One thing that the conversion of Saul demonstrates is the relentless purpose of Christ. We are saved not because we sought Christ but because He sought us.

Second, Genuine Salvation Includes _____ Change. 9-16

⁹ He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink. ¹⁰ Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord!" he replied. ¹¹ The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to Me right now." ¹² I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again." ¹³ "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!" ¹⁴ And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake." Acts 9:9-16

Third, Genuine Salvation Demands Being _____ with the Holy Spirit. 17-18a

17 So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Acts 9:17-18a

Fourth, Genuine Salvation Leads to _____ with the Church. 18b-19

Then he got up and was baptized. 19 Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. Acts 9:18b-19

Lastly, Genuine Salvation Motivates Us To Get Involved In _____ & _____ the Lord. 20-23

20 And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!" 21 All who heard him were amazed. "Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked. "And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?" Acts 9:20-21

ANSWERS:

Personal Encounter, Radical Personal, Filled, Identification, Sharing, Serving



S.A.M. would love for you to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving hot dogs (and chili), so please bring sides or desserts to compliment our meal.

For our program this month, we have a special treat! A Ladies Barbershop Quartet will be here to entertain us.



Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering
Received
May 1, 2016
\$ 9,526.39



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