

Acts 9 Study Guide

To gather a complete picture of the conversion of Saul, please also read and refer to Acts 22:3-20 and Acts 26:8-20 to study the following questions.

Verses 1-2

- Q.1 What efforts did Saul make to persecute the Christians?
- Q.2 Based on Scriptures, what explanations can you give for Saul's attitude toward the Christians?
- Q.3 What is the role of zeal (Greek "zēlos") in our lives, according to Scripture?

Verses 3-5

- Q.4 What was Jesus asking Saul when He said "Why are you persecuting me?"
- Q.5 What did Jesus mean by "It is hard for you to kick against the pricks"?

Verses 6-9

- Q.6 Describe Saul's experience on the road to Damascus from all 3 accounts in Acts.
- Q.7 What can we learn about the remainder of his trip to Damascus?

Verses 10-19

- Q.8 Who is Ananias? Considering the way in which he responds to the Lord in V. 13-14, what thoughts and feelings might believers have had toward Saul's conversion? (See also V. 26). Explore this range of reactions and emotions from Scripture.

Verses 20-22

- Q.9 What did Saul do as soon as the scales fell from his eyes and how did he know what to say?
- Q.10 How can we 'prove that this is very Christ' as Paul did?

Verses 23-31

- Q.11 The tables have turned for Paul. How did the Damascus believers respond?
- Q.12 What do you know about Barnabas from our study of Acts so far? What are some lessons we can learn from his actions here?
- Q.13 What took place in the church after Paul's departure?

Verses 32-35

- Q.14 Based on this passage, what had the Apostles now begun to do?

Verses 36-43

- Q.15 What can we learn about Dorcas?
- Q.16 What expectations and purposes were served by summoning Peter to Joppa?
- Q.17 What was the significance of Peter's willingness to stay with a tanner? What does this show us about Peter?