

SAUL'S CONVERSION

Acts 9:1-43

Key Verses: 9:15,16

“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. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.’”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What effect did the death of Stephen have on Saul? How might Stephen's prayer (7:60) have contributed to his conversion? What was Saul's purpose in going to Damascus?
2. What happened to him as he neared Damascus? Describe his encounter with the Risen Jesus. How does Jesus' visit show God's one-sided grace? (1 Ti 1:15b; 1Co 15:10) What are some ways in which this encounter changed Saul?
3. Who was Ananias and what did the Lord tell him to do? Why did he hesitate? What did the Lord tell him about Saul? How did Ananias help Saul? (17-19a) What does this show about his faith? About God's great purpose?
4. What did Paul do after his conversion? What happened? How did Saul escape? Why was it hard for Christians in Jerusalem to accept him? Who helped him? Why? How did Paul prove himself to be a future leader in world evangelism?
5. In the meantime, what were the apostles doing? (32-43) Describe Peter's ministry in Lydda. Who was Tabitha? How did Peter minister to her? How was God building up his church through these events?