

# Acts of the Apostles 9:1-10\_ Lesson 23

## *Saul's Salvation*

### 1. Acts 9:1-2 – Saul Slaughters

- a. Saul was schooled – Acts 22:3, 26:4-5
- b. Saul consented to Stephen's stoning – Acts 7:58, 22:19-20
- c. Saul represents Israel's answer to Peter's appeal – Acts 3:19, Rom 3:9, 11:32
- d. He was a blasphemer - Acts 26:9-10; John 16:2-3
- e. He was a persecutor – Acts 22:4-5, 1 Cor 15:9
- f. He was injurious even beyond Jerusalem – Acts 8:1-4, 9:1-2, 26:10-11
- g. Saul: chief in Israel's rebellion against God – Gal 1:13-14, 1 Tim 1:12-16

### 2. Acts 9:3-9 – The Grace Appearing

- a. Saul is a disgrace, but God gives him grace. Saul's salvation is true conversion.
- b. Jesus appears not in darkness, judgment, wrath – Act 2:20, Amo 5:18, Zep 1:15, Ps 2
- c. This is the appearing and gospel of grace to Paul in 2 Tim 1:9-11
- d. 1) “light from heaven” – Acts 22:6, Acts 26:13, 2 Cor 4:3-6
  - i. “out of due time” – not saved by Israel's rise – 1Cor 15:8, Isa 60:1-3
  - ii. “he fell to the earth” – His fall and blindness was that of Israel – Acts 26:14
- e. 2) Grace of God – 1 Cor 15:10, 3:10, Eph 3:2, Titus 2:11, Acts 20:24
  - i. “heard a voice” – Faith comes by hearing - Acts 9:4-6, Rom 10:17
  - ii. “I am Jesus” – A gracious appearing and apostleship – Acts 26:16-23
  - iii. Law cursed Deu 28:15,28-29, but Saul received grace – Acts 9:6,22:11, 26:24
  - iv. Saul was not merely being saved, but given a new dispensation – 1Co 9:17
  - v. To hear or not to hear (*a feeble objection*) – Acts 9:7, 22:9
  - vi. “whom thou persecutest” – not the body but the tree/flock – John 15:1-4,18
- f. 3) Peace and reconciliation – Acts 9:8, those three days turned into Acts 9:31
  - i. Peace was shown to Saul by God – 2 Cor 5:18-19, Rom 5:1
  - ii. Peace between Saul and Ananias (disciples) – Acts 9:10-14

### 3. Acts 9:10-18 – Ananias

- a. Who was Ananias? A devout, law keeping, disciple of the Lord – Acts 22:12
- b. 9:15-16 - “a chosen vessel” – Ananias is told that Saul is already chosen an apostle
  - i. An apostle (sent one), and chosen vessel (dispenser) of grace (not of the 12)
  - ii. Acts 22:14-15 – “know his will”, “his witness unto all men”
- c. “Arise and be baptized” – What fruit did Saul have? Acts 9:13, Matt 3:8, 7:13-20