

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 33: A Christ-centered person is a changed person

In **Acts 9**, the resurrected Jesus, himself, converts the persecutor Saul into a powerful Christian believer and preacher. The conversion of Saul shows the Lord taking an active role in the growth of his church and the conversion of sinners.

The main lesson in chapter 9 is *change* - Jesus can change anyone; there are consequences of change; and the changed can have a huge impact on people.

Questions to consider:

1. How would you say you have changed since becoming a Christian?
2. Was change easy or a challenge? (Read and explain Acts 26:14)
3. How has your change of life impacted others?

Word study

- V. 6 "Must do"
- V. 15 "Chosen instrument"
- V. 16 "Suffer"
- V. 22 "Grew more and more power"

Read Acts 9:1-19 Jesus can change anyone.

- Why would Jesus take a personal hand in converting Saul?
- How difficult was the conversion of Saul?
- Why was Saul a "chosen instrument" of Jesus?

Read Acts 9:20-30 What happens when a person becomes a Christian and changes?

- What was the evidence of Saul's change?
- What was the reaction of the Christians?
- What was the reaction of the Jews?

Read Acts 9:31-43 What is the impact of a changed person?

- What was the impact of Saul's conversion?
- What was the impact of Peter?
- What was the impact on the paralytic?
- What was the impact of the Christ-centered life of Tabitha?