

The Foundation of the Church: "Built for the Enemy"

Acts 9:1-31

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I. The captor becomes the captive. (1-9)

II. The enemy becomes a brother. (10-19a)

III. The persecutor becomes the preacher who becomes the persecuted. (19b-25)

IV. The destroyer becomes the builder. (26-31)

LET'S GO DEEPER:

1. God has given us many accounts of Paul's conversion. In addition to Acts 9, you can find it in Acts 22:3-21, 26:9-18, Galatians 1:11-2:10, Philippians 3:2-11, 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Read one (or all) of these additional accounts. What does Paul's story teach us about conversion?
2. How does Jesus's work in Paul's life give us hope?
3. Based on how the church in Damascus and Jerusalem respond to Paul, how do we learn to receive those who come to Christ?
4. What does the Jewish response to Saul teach us about the cost of following Jesus?