

Jesus Re-entered the Conversation #3 "Paul"

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I. Paul Talks with Jesus

Acts 9:1-10 (NIV) *The Church scattered...* **1** Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. **3** As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4** He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. **6** "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. **8** Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. **9** For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

 Paul sees _____ on the road.

II. Why Is Paul Important?

Galatians 1:1-5 (NIV) *Why I am talking with you Church...* Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **2** and all the brothers and sisters with me,

To the churches in Galatia:

3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, **4** who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

 Paul says we are all a product of Jesus' _____.

Two ways of looking at scripture:

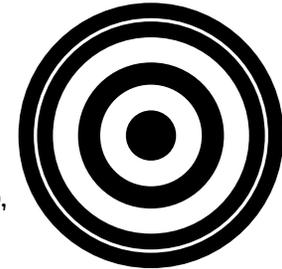
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What must I do and believe to be a Christian?

Core: _____

Essentials: Confession
Baptisms, Repentance, Worship,
Prayer, Service, Generosity,
Witness, God's Word...



III. Paul's Conversion & Ministry Calling

Galatians 1:18—24 (NIV) *Coming to Jerusalem...* **18** Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. **19** I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. **20** I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

21 Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. **22** I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. **23** They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." **24** And they praised God because of me.

 Three years after he saw Jesus he is addressed as _____.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. —Romans 8:11

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