



# Paul - Knowing God as Redeemer and Transformer

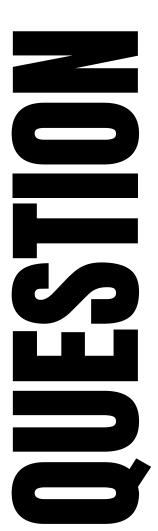
WEEK 3
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LAS LOMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY WWW.LASLOMASCC.COM

Before the Bible study,

 Please watch/listen to last Sunday's message at laslomascc.com/media

What's one thing about this week's message that stood out to you as something you needed to hear OR a question you had about the message?



## MAIN POINTS FROM THE SERMON

- 1: Encounter with the Redeemer
- 2: The Power of Redemption
- 3: Transformation into a New Creation

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### READ Acts 9:1-9

- Look at Saul's (Paul) actions and life before his encounter with Jesus. What does this tell us about the nature of transformation?
- How do you think Paul's encounter with Jesus impacted his life and beliefs?
- Share (in 3 minutes) your Damascus Road experience.
  - How do these experiences shape our understanding of Him and our faith journey?

### READ Romans 8:1-2 and Galatians 1:13-14

- How does Romans 8:1–2 shape our understanding of redemption and its role in the Christian life?
- How does Paul's shift from legalism and persecution to grace and evangelism illustrate the power of redemption?
- Reflect on personal areas of bondage (e.g., past mistakes, legalistic views). How does recognizing these help us embrace the freedom Christ offers?
- How can we practically live out the freedom we have in Christ, drawing inspiration from Paul's example?

### READ 2 Corinthians 5:17 & Colossians 2:6-7

- According to these scriptures, what does it mean to you to be a "new creation" in Christ?
  - How does this identity transform our understanding of self and purpose?
- How does the Holy Spirit influence our transformation and daily journey with Christ?
  - In what ways can we ensure our lives reflect this new creation and the transformative power of Christ?

# LIVING IT OUT SECTION

This week, dive into Paul's journey of transformation and renewal, and explore practical applications in this "Living It Out" section to foster personal growth and a deeper connection with God.

# You can do this by:

- Reflecting on your own "Damascus Road" moment that led to a significant change in your relationship with God.
  - Write about this experience and how it has impacted your faith journey.
- Dedicating time each day this week to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in recognizing areas in your life that need transformatio
  - Then ASK for the courage and strength to let go of these 'chains' and step into the freedom of being a new creation in Christ.
- Focus on the freedom Christ has given you.
  - Choose one area where you've felt bound (e.g., fear, insecurity, anger) and actively pursue freedom through prayer, Scripture, and community support.

Embrace these practices to embody the Gospel's transformative power daily, mirroring Paul's post–Damascus Road life with Christ, and start a journey towards deeper growth and a vivid demonstration of God's redeeming love.

