

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 9-27-26
Christianity 103 – Message 9 Part 3
Damascus Road Revelation.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We have been taking a closer look at Saul.
 - a) He was the enemy of God and yet a self-proclaimed servant of God.
- 2) Saul needed to hear the truth, and on the road to Damascus, he came face to face with Jesus.
- 3) Jesus asked him a question. Verse 4
- 4) Saul, you are fighting against God, and your resistance is only hurting you.
- 5) Saul became a new creation in Christ.
 - a) “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” Verse 6
- 6) Saul sat physically blind for three days. Verse 8

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) In Saul’s life, we will see some important next steps as a new creation.
- 2) I believe Saul has acknowledged his sin and his belief that Jesus is alive.
- 3) As God was working in Saul’s heart, He was also working in Ananias’ heart.

2. Saul meets Ananias. Acts 9:10-19

a. Who is Ananias?

- 1) He is a faithful Jewish believer.
 - a) It is possible that he had heard that Saul was coming to Damascus.
- 2) The Lord spoke to Ananias, and he responded, “I am here, Lord.” Verse 10
- 3) Application – I think God speaks a lot more than we might think.
 - a) God’s promise – Philippians 1:6 –

b. The Lord told him exactly what He wanted him to do.

- 1) Verse 11-12 –
- 2) Look at all God sees and knows.
- 3) Application – What should my response be in knowing that God sees everything in my life?

c. Ananias expresses some concern.

- 1) Verse 13 –
 - a) Ananias is expressing his concern.
- 2) Verse 14 –
 - a) God responds to this fear. God told Ananias that Saul had seen him in a vision. Verse 12
- 3) Verse 15 –
 - a) God reveals His plan for Saul, “he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings and the children of Israel.”
- 4) Verse 16 –
 - a) He will suffer for the sake of Jesus’ name.
 - b) Have you ever stopped and thought about the fact that God has a plan for your life?

3. A chosen vessel, Acts 9:15-16

a. Saul is spoken of here as a vessel/instrument.

- 1) Every person in this room is a vessel.
 - a) What kind of vessel are you?
 - b) A vessel is used for a specific purpose and carries something.
 - c) What are you holding? What are you carrying?

b. II Timothy 2:19-22

1) Verse 19 –

- a) One of the things this “sure” foundation references is the church.
- b) “The Lord knoweth them that are his.” The Lord knows who belongs to Him.

2) “Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

- a) What does that mean?

3) Verse 20 –

- a) In this house, vessels serve a purpose.
- b) Someone who teaches truth brings honor to Jesus, and someone who is a false teacher dishonors Him.
- c) But to the church, the body of believers, we need to be mindful of something.

4) Verse 21 –

4. Today’s Takeaway:

- a. Why does God use this imagery?