

Paul's New-Birth Experience

LESSON 04

JUNE 28, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 9:1–20

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 9:17–18

¹⁷And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

¹⁸And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

God can radically transform His enemies into His covenant people.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

We will welcome everyone as a brother or sister whom God transforms.

COVENANT CONTEXT

In Acts 8, God invited the Samaritans into covenant with Him. Although the Samaritans were partly Gentile, they were also partly Jewish. However, here in Acts 9, God recruited a zealous Pharisee named Saul to preach the gospel to Gentiles, setting up the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12 to bless all nations through the Jews.

I. SAUL ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

A. Saul's Plan to Persecute Christians

Why do you think Saul thought he was doing a good thing by persecuting Christians?

B. God's Plan to Recruit Saul

C. I will allow the Lord to redirect my steps.

How was your conversion experience similar or dissimilar to Saul's?

II. FROM THE OLD COVENANT TO THE NEW

A. Saul's Transformation

What are some aspects of your old life that you were proud of but are now ashamed—that you now consider “rubbish” but once held in high regard?

B. I will fully embrace my new life in Christ.

III. PAUL: THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES

A. From Enemies and Outcasts to Covenant People Together

What relationships do you have that were once marked by hostility or division but have been transformed by the power of Christ?

B. The Transforming Power of Jesus

C. I will welcome all people as brothers or sisters God transforms.

How can you purpose to be radically inclusive in your evangelistic efforts and ensure you spread the gospel to everyone, not writing off anyone as being unworthy of your witness?