



Acts: To the Ends of the Earth

Acts 9:10-19a

Introduction

1. The Lord appears to Saul (1-9)
2. The Lord appears to Ananias (10-16)
3. The conversion and baptism of Saul upon the visit of Ananias (17-19a)

The Lord Appears to Ananias

❖ **Acts 9:10-16**

1. **NOT the same Ananias**
2. **The street called straight**
3. **Saul was praying**

❖ Ephesians 2:10—*we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them***

4. **God used an ordinary disciple to accomplish his extraordinary purposes!**

❖ Acts 4:37—*sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

❖ Acts 6:5—*a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit*

❖ Acts 8:7—*For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed*

❖ Acts 9:10—*...there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias*

5. **Ananias was afraid**

6. **Jesus called him to go inspire of his fear**

7. **Saul was a chosen instrument**

(1) Saul is chosen unto salvation.

❖ Acts 9:17—*Brother Saul*

(2) Saul is chosen unto a particular task

8. **Saul would suffer much for Christ's name**

❖ Acts 5:41—*rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.*



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- ❖ 2 Timothy 2:10—*I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory*

The conversion and baptism of Saul upon the visit of Ananias

❖ **Acts 9:17-19a**

1. The scales fall away and Saul's sight is restored

- ❖ 2 Corinthians 3:14-16—*But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.*

2. Paul signifies his union with Christ

- ❖ Romans 6:4—*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*