

“Why Tarryest Thou?” Acts 22:16

- ### History & Character Of Saul
- Born of a great race. Acts 22:3; Philippians 3:5
 - Educated. Acts 22:3
 - Religious. Acts 26:4-5
 - Zealous. Galatians 1:14; Acts 22:3
 - Conscientious. Acts 23:1; 24:16; 26:9ff

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- Persecuted the church. Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 1:13
 - Imprisoned disciples. Acts 8:3; 22:4
 - Compelled them to blaspheme. Acts 26:11
 - Voted to kill them. Acts 26:10; 7:58; 22:20
 - Traveled to strange cities to find Christians. Acts 26:11; 9:1-2
 - Chief of sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15; cf. Eph. 3:8

Saul on the Road to Damascus

- *Persecuting disciples.* Acts 9:1-2; 22:3-5; 26:9-12
- *Zeal without knowledge.* (Philippians 3:6; 1 Timothy 1:13)

140-150 Miles

Saul's Vision

Saw a light.
Acts 9:3-9

Heard a voice.
9:3-5, 7

Self-examination.
9:4-5

Saul believes.
9:6

Commanded.
9:6-9

- ### Why The Vision?
- Not to save him.
 - To learn what to do in the city. Acts 9:6
 - Still lost after the vision. Acts 9:7-9
 - Saul saw the vision and heard the voice of Christ to qualify him to be an apostle. Acts 22:14-15; 26:16-18; 1 Corinthians 9:1
 - We need not expect these in our case!

Saul's Conversion

- Believed that Jesus is the Christ. Acts 9:4-5
 - Jesus did not speak "Peace" to him. Why?
 - Emphasis on "Must." Acts 9:6
- Repentance – Miserable for three days. Acts 9:9
- Preacher sent. Acts 9:10-11
- Taught what to do. Acts 22:16
- Baptized, his agony passed away. Acts 9:18-19

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Why Was Saul Converted To Christ?

- Paul was persuaded. 2 Timothy 1:12; Acts 26:29

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Conclusion:

- Saul begins his life of faith in Christ and sacrifice in His service.

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that (life) which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, (the faith) which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me."

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