

## PAUL, THE APOSTLE

"Paul, A Changed Man" – Acts 9:1-21 (NLT), Acts 22:3-15 *sel* (NLT)

But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out **both men and women to throw them into prison**. Acts 8:3 (NLT)

### I. God Intervenes

As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink. Acts 9:3-9 (NLT)

- The Lord Knows His Name – Psalm 139:1-7a (NCV)
- The Lord wants ALL to be saved! – John 5:24 (NLT)
- Saul is Greatly Humbled – 1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)

### II. Ananias, God's Ambassador – Acts 9:10-17a (NLT)

- Who is Ananias?
- Vision Affirmation – God all-knowing/Prayer

"He is a **chosen** vessel of Mine, **to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer** for My name's sake.  
Acts 9:15-16

- A. "Chosen" – John 15:16 *sel* (AMP)
- B. Paul, God's instrument – 1 Timothy 1:12-14 (NAS1977)
- C. Paul's Future Suffering – 2 Corinthians 11:23-27 *sel* (NLT)

### III. Paul, A Man Changed!

[Ananias] laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength. Acts 9:17-19a (NLT)

- Touched by Love – Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)
- Baptized – Acts 9:18 (NAS1977)
- God Frees Us in Baptism - Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)
- Strengthened – Acts 4:31 (NLT)
- Paul's Life Turned Around – Acts 9:20b-21 (ESV) & Philippians 3:12 (NIV)