

Dec. 16, 2020 Saul of Tarsus Becomes The Apostle Paul

Hebrew name "Saul" means "asked for or desired" Greek name Paul means "small."
Paul's life breaks down in to 3 phases.

1st Phase - Saul, as a Pharisee, was on a _____ (Gal. 1:13-14).

- **Saul's mission was to _____ by _____ the Lord's Church. Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-2**
- **Saul was convinced he was _____ God's Will.**

Be careful when you are so convinced that you won't listen to anyone else's point of view.

2nd Phase - Saul Experiences a _____ (Acts 9:3-6, 15-19).

• The Lord Speaking to Ananias About Saul

A light from Heaven and a voice was going to change Saul of Tarsus forever.

What was it that happened in our life that brought about a conversion?

3rd Phase - Saul, as a _____, was on a Mission.

- **He was the Apostle whose mission it was to preach to the _____ (Rom.11:13)**

But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles,

Mt 28:18-19 - *All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,..."*

Nations = (Gk.) - ethnos - all ethnic groups, Gentiles, a foreigner or non-Jewish person.

Where were Paul's letters sent? (Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, & Thessalonica) - These were all Gentiles cities.

- **As a Christian, Paul _____ suffering 2 Cor. 11:23-28**
- **As a Christian, Paul _____ his mind theologically.**
 1. He is no longer prejudiced against the Gentiles - **Gal 3:28**
 2. He believes Circumcision is no longer a physical act done to males, but is now a spiritual act done to both males and females. **Rom 2:28-29**
 3. He believes Righteousness comes from Faith in Christ not the Law. **Phil. 3:8-9**
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Take A Ways:

1. The Lord's Church is still enduring persecution today.
2. The Lord will speak to us today if we will LISTEN.
3. The Christian's mission today is to share the Gospel with all (Jew & Gentile).
4. Christian's need to stay open minded to God's Word.
5. A Christian's Righteousness comes from their Faith in Jesus Christ.