

- I. Saul was the chief persecutor of the church
 - A. He threatened to kill the disciples
 - B. He planned to arrest all the believers
- II. Saul was the recipient of the grace of God

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

- A. Jesus appeared to Saul alive

“Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.” (I Corinthians 15:7-8)

- B. Jesus confronted Saul with his sin

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was show mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.” (I Timothy 1:15-16)

- C. Saul recognized Jesus as Lord

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

- D. Saul obeyed the Lord’s command

- E. Saul was blinded so he could see

“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you.’ (Ephesians 1:18)

- F. Saul learned how to pray

- III. God works through his servants who listen to him
 - A. Ananias was told by God to go to Saul
 - B. Ananias questioned the logic of that request
 - C. Ananias was told why he should go to Saul
- IV. God works through his obedient servants
 - A. Ananias obeyed God and went to Saul

B. Ananias was part of a miracle

C. Ananias saw a man transformed by God's grace

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)

V. Saul's new life begins a follower of Jesus

A. He enjoyed fellowship with other believers

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers." (1 John 3:14)

B. He preached Christ with great power

"You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard." (Acts 22:15)

C. He encountered opposition for his faith

D. He submitted to the leaders of the church