

# **Paul Arrested by Christ**

**Acts 9:1-19**

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**But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"**

## **Acts 9:1-19, cont**

**And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.**

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# **God sees people in light of their potential in Christ!**

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# 1. A Needy Soul

- **Gamaliel, said, “But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God” (Acts 5:39).**
- **Paul described himself as “a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man” (1 Tim. 1:13).**
- **Christ said, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him” (John 6:44).**

## **2. The Seeking Savior**

- **Timing: God's schedule**
- **Light shining into darkness**
- **Jesus Himself**
- **Paul blinded and helpless for three days**

### **3. The Faithful Witness**

**Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." (Acts 9:10-14)**



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**But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.  
(Acts 9:15-19)**

# 3. The Faithful Witness

- **Ananias – a spiritual man**
- **“Paul? Are you sure?”**
- **Does he even need help?**
- **A spiritual midwife**
- **“Brother Saul”**
- **To see each other from God’s perspective**

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Being convinced that I am a sinner, and believing that Christ died for me, I now receive Him as my personal Saviour, and with His help I purpose confessing Him before men.

Name Billy Graham

Date November 1, 1934

**IMPORTANT VERSES FOR MEMORIZING**

Joshua	1:8.	Isaiah	53:3-4, 5-6.
Psalms	1 (entire)	"	55:1-3, 6, 7-9.
"	19:14.	Matthew	5:3-16.
"	23 (entire)	John	3:3, 16-17, 18-19.
"	27:1, 14.	"	14:1-3, 6, 13-14, 15-17.
"	32:1.		
"	40:14, 17.		
"	46:1-3.		
"	51:1-3, 10.		
"	84:11.	Romans	5:1, 8.

## 4. A Biblical Principle

- **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor. 12:9).**
- **“Without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5)**

**For Paul, on that day...**

**All that he had trusted in was taken away.**

**All he was left with was Christ ...**

**But Christ was enough.**