



**THE CONVERSION OF SAUL:
WHEN JESUS INTERRUPTS YOUR LIFE**
ACTS 9:1-18
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Jesus can save anybody.

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord went to the high priest
- Acts 9:1

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. - Acts 9:2

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. - Acts 7:58

"I am a Jew...according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day." - Acts 22:3

"I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth."
- Acts 26:9

"I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them." - Acts 26:10

"And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities." - Acts 26:11

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost - 1 Timothy 1:15

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. - 1 Timothy 1:16

God's mercy is greater than we can imagine.

Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. - Acts 9:3

And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." - Acts 9:4-5



"But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." - Acts 9:6

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
- Acts 9:7

Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus. - Acts 9:8

And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. - Acts 9:9

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' - John 3:5-7

to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires ... and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. - Ephesians 4:22,24

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Conversion is what happens when Jesus shows up.

"We not only believe Christianity is true, we believe it is true for everybody." - John Piper

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying 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 regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." - Acts 9:17

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he arose and was baptized - Acts 9:18

...he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me - Galatians 1:15-16

Every conversion is a supernatural work of grace.

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