

SAUL IS CONVERTED

ACTS 9:1-9, 9:13-16; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:9-10;
2 CORINTHIANS 11:24-27

LEARN THE WORD

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- While Saul was on the road to Damascus to arrest Christians, a heavenly light appeared, and Jesus said Saul was persecuting Him.
- After his encounter with Jesus, Saul, also known as Paul, changed from a persecutor of Christians to a preacher of the Gospel. He willingly suffered many hardships for the name of Jesus.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose you heard someone say his sins are so bad that God could never forgive him.

What could you say?

The Bible tells us everything we need to know about God, and it tells us that it is impossible to be too bad for God's forgiveness. You might be surprised to find out that no sin is so great that the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross, cannot wash it away. Before the Apostle Paul became a Christian, he used to persecute Christians. But God had mercy on him and saved him. All people who are genuinely sorry for their sin, ask God for forgiveness, and trust Jesus to save them will be forgiven and given new life in Christ. God's grace is that great! That's the good news of the Gospel.

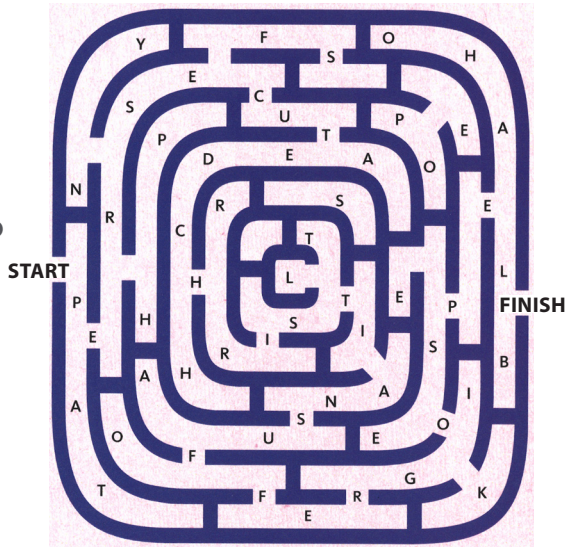
Activity: How did Saul change after his encounter with Jesus? To find out, work your way through the maze and gather letters along the correct path and place them in the order you find them to complete the statement below.

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HOMESWORD FOR PARENTS

There have been few conversion experiences that would top that of Saul of Tarsus. As a Pharisee, he was zealous for the Jewish law and passionately persecuted those who proclaimed Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:4-6).

Yet, Saul was dramatically transformed into a new creation in Christ and then used by God to start numerous churches and write much of the New Testament. How did the Lord get this murderous Pharisee’s attention? It happened on the road to Damascus, a city where Saul fully intended to find followers of Jesus and bring them bound to Jerusalem for persecution and trial (Acts 9:1-2).

Saul fell to the ground when he saw a heavenly light and heard a voice speaking to him. It was Jesus asking, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” (Acts 9:3-4). Saul asked what the Lord would have him do. The Lord had a plan for him—and it would start in the city of Damascus. Blind Saul was led by the hand into the city to await instructions from the Lord (Acts 9:6-8).

In Damascus, through His disciple Ananias, the Lord declared to Saul that he was His chosen instrument, and he would take the name of Jesus to the Jews, Gentiles and kings (Acts 9:15). Saul’s heart was dramatically changed so that he immediately began preaching Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 9:20).

Saul had persecuted Christians. He had stood by, guarding the clothes of those who dragged Stephen, the first martyr for Christ, out of the city to stone him (Acts 7:57-59). But after his conversion, Saul suffered greatly for his Lord through beatings, stoning, shipwrecks, and many other hardships (2 Corinthians 11:24-27). The Lord made Saul, also known as Paul, into a new creation.