

Acts Ch. 9:1-31

“The Transforming Power of God’s Grace”

*How Jesus saves the “Chief of Sinners”

1. V1-9 Confrontation

- i. Jesus arrests us **IN** our sin to release us **FROM** our sin.
- ii. There must be a death to **“self”** before there can be resurrection life in Christ (Gal. 2:20)
- iii. **What still needs to be arrested in your life? Grace does not give us permission to sin but POWER to obey.**

2. V10-19 Commission

- i. Christianity is a **“Team Sport”** and the Lord connects us with teammates to help us. (**Discipleship**- *“Be much with those who have been much with Him”*) *“Now that we are saved, we are quipped and sent”*.
- ii. God’s Grace **redeems our past** and uses it as a **roadmap to guide** others to HIS Grace, but, **with sufferings** (1 Timothy 1:16, Acts 14:22)
- iii. **Since your conversion** how has God’s grace transformed your life? Your Plans, Marriage, Affections, Thoughts, Ambitions, Desires, Friendships, Are they still the same? (We are **NEW** creations in Christ Jesus- **2 Cor. 5:17** and **Romans 6, Matthew 9:16**)

3. V20-31 Conflict

- i. With **calling** comes **conflict** (It’s called *“fighting the good fight”* but it is a fight- 2 Tim. 4)
- ii. *“To be right with God means to be in trouble with man”*
- iii. **Have you counted the cost to truly follow Jesus? (Although costly Jesus is always with us)**

