

SAUL: PRACTICAL TRANSFORMED LIFE — ACTS 9:10-31

POSITION in Christ

— YOUR NEW NATURE

Ac.9:1-9

v.1-9

1 Faith in the Savior

1. The CONTACT (v.3); 2. The CONVICTION (v.4); 3. His CONVERSION (v.5); 4. His CONSECRATION (v.6-8); 5. His COMMUNION (v.9)
- This was the change in his nature and standing before God. He received new capacities, spiritual gifts, and the Holy Spirit.
- The transformed life begins with faith in the Savior.

PRACTICAL in Life

— YOUR NEW CHARACTER

Ac.9:10-19

v.10-12

2 Fervor in Supplication

- One of the characteristics of a truly born again, saved individual, is prayer. The desire is there as part of the transformation.
- Prayer is just communication with Jesus Christ. It is this constant kind of life flow and communion with Christ.
- This isn't the first time Saul prayed. It's just the first time he got through. He used to pray like a Pharisee depending on his own self-righteousness. Now he prays like a broken contrite sinner depending on the mercy of God.
- He communes with God in this new transformed life. He lives in an atmosphere of the presence of God.



v.13-17

3 Faithfulness in Service

- Right on the heels of the new birth, is faithfulness in service. God wants your love and the investment of your life now.
- The call to the ministry is not a whim or a will on the part of man. It is of God. We are called unto "good works" (Ep.2:10).
- If you're a Christian, you ought to be known by your service to Christ.

4 Filling of the Spirit

v.17-18

- As a Christian, you have a choice. You can run your own life or you can yield to the control of the Holy Spirit. If you're mature, you and the Spirit want the same thing.
- The filling of the Spirit is yielding my life to the control of the Spirit which always results in power and some kind of activity.

5 Fellowship with the Saints

v.18-19

- It is difficult to believe that somebody can really know Jesus Christ and not long to be in fellowship with others who love Him.
- Salvation means a new fellowship. "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren" (1Jn.3:14).

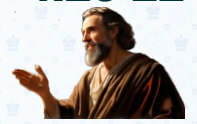
PRODUCT in the World — YOUR NEW EFFECT

Ac.9:20-31

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6 Fervency in Speaking

- Notice the first word in verse 20, "immediately." Saul did not know the meaning of the word "tomorrow." Everywhere he went he spoke.
- The man who will confront the world with the power of the Spirit of God will find that persecution doesn't weaken him. It only strengthens him.



v.23-31

7 Fearlessness in Suffering

- When you confront the world like that, we should know that living godly will bring persecution (2Tm.3:12).
- What was Saul afraid of? He was not afraid of anything. The only thing that haunted Saul was that he would be considered a castaway or disqualified. That is, a broken vessel marred by sin, useless, corroded to be set aside (1Co.9:27).