

## Acts 9

**LW** – Saul - 7:58; 8:1, 8:3 – Philip/Samaria/Ethiopian – Now Return  
**TW** – Continue Acts - “Uncommon Valor was a common virtue” Nimitz

**V1-2** – Asked for letters – Zealousness can be dangerous!  
**Galatians 1:13-14** For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

**V3-4**  
\* Great Light – On way to Damascus – Temple of Jupiter – the Roman god of light and the sky (among other things)  
\* Why persecuting ME – Was 8:1 & 3 – Church = 9:1 = Jesus!  
**Romans 12:4-5** For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

**V5** – Goads/prodding oxen - offer vain/perilous or ruinous resistance

**V6** – Saul calls Jesus Lord!

**V7-9** – 3 Days without food/drink – Fasting (V11 – Praying!)

**V10** – (Already was) a Disciple in Damascus (From Acts 2)

**V11-12** – Saul was fasting and praying!!!  
\* In a vision he has seen a man...(While fasting and praying!)

**V13-17a** – Ananias dialog with the Lord!

**V17** – Ananias – obedient and speaks by faith, calls brother  
1. Receive sight 2) Be filled with Holy Spirit

**V18** – “Prayer” – “Remove the scales from their eyes”  
**V19** – Arose//Baptized! V6 Believed, V17 Filled V19 Baptized  
**V20-22** – Preached Jesus = Son of God/Confounded/Proving = Christ!  
**Psalms 2:7** “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’  
**Isaiah 9:6** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;

\* Does it again in **Hebrews 1 & 2**

**V23-25** - Zealous personality – He is now the one being chased down!

**V26-27**  
**Acts 4:36** Joses, who was also named Bar/nabas by the apostles (translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,  
**Matthew 5:9** Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.  
\* Beginning of a long friendship!!!

**V28-30**  
\* Hellenists (Greek speaking/cultured Jew) – Same ones Stephen/Kill!  
\* Caesarea & Tarsus (Home - V11) – Cilicia/Modern Turkey

**V31**- Peace, Edified, Walking/Fear/Lord, Comfort/Holy Spirit  
\* Church Experienced – Known as a “Blessed Subtraction”!  
**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.  
**Proverbs 9:10** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.  
**Proverbs 19:23** The fear of the Lord leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

**V32-35**  
\* Last time saw Peter - With John in Samaria & returned to Jerusalem.  
\* Peter – Living Mark 16:15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. AND...”

**V36-43**  
\* Knelt down and prayed!!!  
\* “Extraordinary things often accomplished by very ordinary means.”  
\* Turning to the body  
**Mark 16:19-20** So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.