

*He did not waver
at the promise of God through unbelief,
but was strengthened in faith,
giving glory to God,*

Romans 4:20 NKJV

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Acts 9

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“Paul's native province of Cilicia was noted for its goats' hair cloth which was exported under the name of cilicium and was used largely for tentmaking.” [ISBE-PwrBbl; tent-making]



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B. Saul's early exposure to the Gospel
(Acts 6-8)

1. likely, debates with Christians (Acts 6:9-10)
2. Stephen's sermon (Acts 7:52-53, 58; 8:1)
3. the conviction of many (Acts 8:3; 26:11)

II. Recent Events

A. Vision on road to Damascus (v3-8)

B. At Judas' house (v9-16)

1. praying & fasting for three days v9

2. receives a vision v12

III. Saul is Further Persuaded (v17-18a)

- A. Ananias' appearance (v17a; 22:13a)
- B. Ananias' words (v17b)
- C. Ananias' work confirmed by signs (v18a)

Of what are you persuaded?

Turn to Christ Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10

Return to Christ Acts 8:22; 1 Jn. 1:9

Abide in Christ John 15:7

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Men Say---

Calling on the name of the Lord, wash away your sins and be baptized and arise. And now why are you waiting?

Scripture Says---

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V. Saul's Conversion Teaches Us

A. Man is not saved by faith alone or prayer (Js. 2:20)

WAS SAUL
SAVED ON THE
DAMASCUS
ROAD?

**THE LORD DIDN'T
KNOW IT. 9:6b,**
*“Arise, and go into the
city, and it shall be told
thee what thou must
do.”*

**ANANIAS DIDN'T
KNOW IT. 22:16a,**
*“And now why tarriest
thou? arise, and be
baptized, and wash
away thy sins”*

**SAUL DIDN'T
KNOW IT. 9:9,**
*“And he was three
days without sight,
and neither did eat
nor drink.”*



V. Saul's Conversion Teaches Us

- A. Man is not saved by faith alone or prayer
- B. Conscience alone is not a safe guide
- C. The gospel is spread by bold disciples
(2 Tim. 1:7-8)
- D. What Paul meant when he wrote...
(Eph. 2:8-9)
- E. What it means to call on the name of the Lord (2 Tim. 2:22)

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Hear The Gospel (Rom. 10:17)

Believe In Christ (Jn. 8:24)

Repent Of Sins (Acts 2:38)

Confess Christ (Rom. 10:10)

Be Baptized (I Pet. 3:21)

For The Erring Child:

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I Jn. 1:9),

Pray (Acts 8:22)