

The Grace Awakening Notes

Acts 9:1-19

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Main Point: No one is too sinful to be saved.

Information on Saul/Paul

- His Hebrew name Saul means _____.
- His Roman name was Paul.
- He was born in Tarsus
- Raised to be very _____.
- Studied under rabbi _____ who was a much sought-after teacher.
- He was of the tribe of Benjamin
- He became a _____.

Saul persecuted Christians (Acts 8:3).

- “Ravage” was used of wild animals _____ into their prey.
- When persecution caused Christians to flee to Damascus, He made plans to chase them down.
- He obtained letter from the chief _____ to give him the authority to travel to Damascus, arrest and extradite those “belonging to the Way.”

Saul’s blindness

- He was blinded by a great _____ on the outskirts of the city.
- He knew it was a message from _____ (Psalm 104:2, 2 Samuel 22:13, John 8:12).
- He heard a tender, yet urgent voice calling his name twice, “Saul, Saul, why are you _____ me?”
- He was confused when the voice said he was persecuting Him.
- Jesus identifies Himself so closely with Christians that it is impossible to persecute them without persecuting _____.
- He asked, “Who are you, Lord?”
- He knew it was Jesus and there was no doubt, He was Lord.
- His reply was, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”
- Saul thought he was persecuting the enemies of God not knowing he was actually the _____ persecuting the great “I AM.”
- Jesus told him “to rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”
- Saul went from believing Jesus was nothing to knowing He was _____. He could be filled with Jesus who is everything, and that would make his life something.
- He was led by the _____ and brought into Damascus.

Ananias

- For three days, he couldn’t see and wouldn’t eat or drink.
- Jesus appeared to Ananias which means “Jehovah is _____.”

- Ananias was told to go to Saul.
- He initially resisted going because he knew Saul's _____.
- Jesus told Ananias that Saul was a "chosen _____" to carry Jesus' name to Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.
- Saul would suffer for Jesus' sake.
- Ananias laid his hands on Saul's head and said "_____ Saul."
- _____ fell from his eyes and his sight returned.
- Saul rose and was _____.

If you are a Christian, you must first be converted and then you must follow Christ by submitting to what the Scriptures teach.

Application

- You are not too _____ to be saved.
- Don't lose _____ for others to be saved (Romans 12:12).
- If you're saved, it's time to _____.
- Prepare yourself for persecution (Philippians 1:29).
- Never tire of telling your _____ (Acts 26)
 - Be _____ (1-3)
 - Summarize what your life was like _____ you met Christ (4-11).
 - Describe _____ you came to Christ (12-18).
 - Talk about your life _____ (19-24).
 - Make an _____ for the person to be saved (25-29).
- Hold on _____ to your relationships with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Blessed be the Tie

- As we humble ourselves and treat others with gentleness and patience, we can bear with one another in _____ (Ephesians 4:2-3).
- Earnestly strive to _____ and keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- Don't allow your views on polarizing issues to become more important than _____ with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- When we spend too much time looking at one another, we begin to see things we don't like in each other. We end up bothered by each other, doubting the faith of others who disagree with us, and treat each other as enemies.
- When we face _____, we still draw strength from the Lord and each other, but our perspective changes.
- We now see those who do not know Jesus and are on the road that leads to hell.
- When we are consumed with how to get the _____ out to those who are lost, it changes our conversations and what we're concerned about.

Invitation

- Will you fight for unity within our family of faith?
- Will you pray for your friend or family member to get saved?
- Are you ready to be saved?