

Sermon Acts 9: 1-31 What happens when we meet Jesus? T Neumann 5-23-2021

Deut 21:22-23 "*cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*"

Paul seeking to destroy the church Acts 9:1-2, Acts 22:3-5, Acts 26 :9-11

Point 1 Meeting Jesus reveals God's sovereign love for you

Gal 1:13-16. 1 Tim 1:12-17 Eph 1:3-6

Point 2 Meeting Jesus completely transforms you.

2 Cor 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold the new has come.

Point 3 Meeting Jesus brings you in a personal relationship with God

"Saul Saul" → Abraham Abraham Genesis 22:11 Jacob Jacob Genesis 46:2 Moses Moses Exodus 3:4
Samuel Samuel 1 Sam 3:10 Martha Martha Luke 10:41 Simon Simon Luke 22:31

Point 4 Meeting Jesus brings you into God's great purpose of advancing the gospel

Acts 28:31 "*....without hindrance*".

Gal 2:20b : the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who **loved me** and **gave himself** for me.

Discussion and Application

1. Read some of the other passages related to Saul's conversion and note the similarities and differences:
 - a. Acts 22:1-21
 - b. Acts 26:12-23
 - c. Romans 1:1-5
 - d. 1 Corinthians 15:8-10
 - e. Galatians 1:11-24
 - f. Philippians 3:4-11
 - g. 1 Timothy 1:12-17
2. Spiritually, why is every conversion experience dramatic?
3. What does this passage teach about God's sovereign grace in salvation?
4. Share one way you experienced a complete and thorough transformation when you became a Christian.
5. What are some practical things we might learn from Ananias?
6. What resonates the most with you about Saul be called to God's great purpose of advancing the gospel?
7. Why is Barnabas an example worth following? Share how you have been a 'Barnabas' to someone.
8. What might be some things that hinder us from 'proclaiming Jesus to be the Son of God'?