

# ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES:

## Chapter 8:26-9:30

### Conversions



The latter half of Acts 8 and through most of Acts 9 we have recorded the details of two powerful conversions. Both took place one-on-one. One was a powerful government official that was looking. The other, a powerful persecutor who was not believing in Jesus. In both stories, the involvement of God is seen. An angel spoke to Philip (8:26). The Lord appeared in a vision to both Saul (9:3-4) and to Ananias (9:10).

### A. Philip on a desert road (26-40)

1. This lesson shows the value of one

#### The Ethiopian

1. Worshipper of God (his condition made him unable to enter a sacred assembly—Deut 23:1)
2. He had an important job
3. He was able to have his own copy of Isaiah
4. He had a heart that wanted to learn

#### Why did the chariot stop (38)?

#### Doctrinal Lessons Learned From the desert road:

1. Preaching Jesus includes \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Biblical pattern of F \_\_\_\_\_ - F \_\_\_\_\_ - F \_\_\_\_\_ are illustrated here
3. Baptism is in \_\_\_\_\_
4. Everyone is saved the \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Saul and Ananias (9:1-30)

1. The heavenly vision left Saul blind for three days
2. Jesus understood that Saul was persecuting Him (9:4)  
- 22:6-21  
- 26:18-19

#### What did Saul learn in the vision?

#### Some maintain that Saul was saved in the vision. Do we know?

3. Saul was with the Damascus disciples and immediately he began to preach the Gospel (9:19-20)

#### How did Barnabas convince the disciples that Saul was one of them?

#### Saul's Background

1. Born in Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia Of the tribe of Benjamin (Phil 3:5) - a Hebrew of Hebrews Raised a Pharisee (Acts 26:5)
2. He grew up in prosperity (Phil 4:12; 1 Cor 4:11)
3. He was sent to Jerusalem and studied with one of the great Jewish teachers (Acts 22:3)
4. He was skyrocketing as a Jew (Gal 1:14)  
- He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the church (Gal 1:13)

#### 1 Cor 15:8-11

#### Lessons We Ought To See:

1. Saul had to realize what he thought was right \_\_\_\_\_
2. Saul gave up a promising \_\_\_\_\_ to be a Christian
3. This shows that \_\_\_\_\_ can be forgiven and anyone can \_\_\_\_\_

