

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

Introduction:

1. The five most important events of the New Testament:
 - a. The Birth of Jesus
 - b. The Crucifixion of Jesus
 - c. The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus
 - d. The Beginning of the Church
 - e. The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus
2. Yet, Saul's conversion has been misunderstood by many.
3. Many denominational groups teach that Saul was saved on the road to Damascus.
4. Others claim that his witnessing a vision of Jesus is what saved him.
5. Let us consider what the Bible teaches about the conversion of Saul.

I. CHRIST'S UNIVERSAL COMMANDS

- A. Jesus gave universal commands that must be obeyed in order for an individual to be saved – the Great Commission.
- B. Hear – Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15
{*The Gospel is for all!*}
- C. Believe – Mark 16:15-16
- D. Repent – Luke 24:46-47
- E. Confess Faith – Matthew 10:32-33
- F. Be Baptized – Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16

II. PAUL'S INSPIRED COMMANDS

- A. A second evidence for Paul's conversion is what he taught that all men must do in order to be saved.
- B. Hear – Romans 1:16-17; 10:17
{*The Gospel is for all! Cf. Luke 24:25-27, 45-48*}
- C. Believe – Romans 3:22; 5:1-2
- D. Repent – Romans 2:4; Acts 17:30-31
- E. Confess Faith – Romans 10:8-10
- F. Be Baptized – Romans 6:1-7; Galatians 3:26-27

III. PAUL'S RECORDED OBEDIENCE

- A. Finally, there is the record of Paul's conversion which describes what he did in order to be saved.
- B. Heard – Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-10
- C. Believed – Acts 9:5, 17; 22:14
- D. Repented – Acts 9:1-2, 9, 19-21
- E. Confessed Faith – Acts 26:16-21 *implied*; 9:20, 22
- F. Was Baptized – Acts 22:16; 9:17-19

Conclusion: *Paul was saved in the same way that every Christian is saved.
Have you obeyed the Gospel of Christ?*