



“What is a Christian Conversion?”

Acts 9:1-19 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction – *The early church grew through conversions to Christ. The book of Acts mentions several conversions, none more famous than Saul of Tarsus.*

I. Who Was Saul of Tarsus?

- A. Saul grew up in the city of Tarsus.
- B. Saul’s father was a Roman citizen and a merchant.
- C. Saul learned the trade of tent making.
- D. Saul was sent to Torah school in Jerusalem and was trained by Gamaliel.
- E. Saul became a well-respected Pharisee.
- F. As a devout Jew, Saul consented to Stephen’s death in his attempt to crush Christianity.
- G. Then Saul was converted.

II. What Does Conversion Mean?

- A. By definition conversion means a radical change in beliefs, purpose, and behavior.
- B. Spiritual conversion to Christ goes much deeper than other life changes.

- C. Jesus used the word picture of “being born again” to describe a spiritual conversion.
- D. When you are converted to Christ, the Holy Spirit in you gives birth to His life in you and begins to radically change your life.

III. How Was Saul Converted?

- A. Saul’s conversion began with a collision.
- B. He collided with the truth about God.
- C. What God do we believe in?
- D. Saul collided with the truth about Jesus.

Conclusion.