

"The Transforming Power of the Gospel" Acts 9:19-31 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon February 9, 2025

Introduction – The early church grew through conversions to Christ. The book of Acts mentions several conversions, none more famous than Saul of Tarsus. Today we will look at what happened to Saul and the Church after his conversion.

I. The Changes Saul Experienced After His Conversion.

A. His relationship with other Christians.

- B. His view of Christianity (9:20).
- C. How others saw him (9:21).
- D. His relationship to the Scripture (9:22).
- E. His realization of God's providence in his life.
- F. He identified himself as a disciple of Jesus.
 - 1. Baptism
 - 2. Witness

- G. He took the time to establish himself in the faith.
 - 1. He went to Arabia for three years.
 - 2. What did he learn?
 - a. Faith
 - b. Grace
 - c. Repentance

II. The Changes The Church Experienced After Saul's Conversion. (9:31)

- A. The Church was united in Jesus.
- B. The Church was "being built up".
- C. The Church was "going on in the fear of the Lord and comfort of the Holy Spirit."
- D. The Church continued to increase.

Conclusion.