



An Unlikely Conversion

Acts 9:1-31



1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Unrighteous ...

- *Sexually immoral*
- *Idolaters*
- *Adulterers*
- *Practising homosexuality*
- *Thieves'*
- *Greedy*
- *Drunkards*
- *Verbally abusive*
- *Swindlers*

... will not
inherit God's
Kingdom (9)

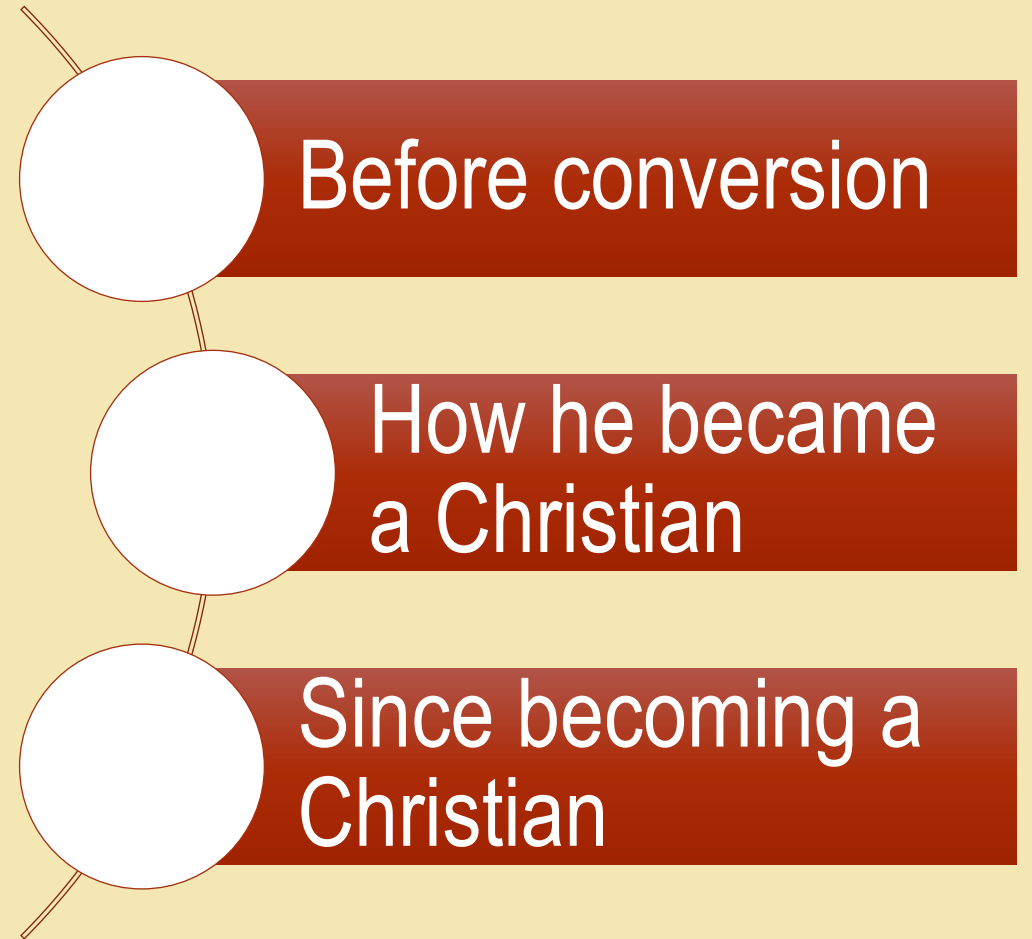
Conversion!

“And such were some of you [before you believed]. But you were washed [by the atoning sacrifice of Christ], you were sanctified [set apart for God, and made holy], you were justified [declared free of guilt] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God [the source of the believer’s new life and changed behaviour].” (1 Cor 6:11 AMP)

“Every saint has a past; every sinner has a future.” St Augustine

Paul's life in three stages

- Structure of a testimony
- Have yours prepared!



Paul's Conversion

- ❑ Acts 9:1-19 The event recorded
- ❑ Acts 22:6-21 Testimony to the crowd
- ❑ Acts 26:12-18 Testimony to King Agrippa

Before becoming a Christian

Before there was Paul, there was Saul...

- ❖ Acts 7:58 “laid their clothes... Saul”
- ❖ Acts 8:1 “Saul... giving approval to his death”
- ❖ Acts 8:3 “like a wild man, going everywhere to devastate the believers” (TLB)
- ❖ Acts 8:3 “dragged off men & women & put them in prison”
- ❖ Acts 9:1 “still breathing out murderous threats..”

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- The Damascus Road...
- The heart of God, in love, reaching those far from Him giving them hope
- Remember he believed in God – NOT the church
- Light ... voice... blinded
- Acts 9:4 Pick on the church, you take on Jesus
- Acts 9:10-17 Ananias – disciple making a disciple!
- Acts 9:18 Believed and was baptized!

Paul Beyond Conversion

You can't change your past, but God can change your future

- ✓ Missionary
- ✓ Church planter
- ✓ Writer

Meeting Jesus

- ✓ Admit you are a sinner
- ✓ Believe all the Bible says about Jesus
- ✓ Confess your need for Him & desire to follow Him
- ✓ Declare this inward change outwardly through baptism