

# The Church Is Converting Persecutors

Acts 9:1-31  
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Have you ever encountered a person and knew he needed supernatural intervention? You may say he "needs Jesus." In the first century, many believers probably would have said that about Saul, an ardent persecutor of the church. The story of his conversion reveals that we all need Jesus--He is not the last resort or one choice among others. Instead, Jesus is our only hope and Saul's conversion demonstrates how everyone must encounter Christ personally. It also reveals the responsibility of believers in drawing others into the faith. Just as Luke records Saul's conversion, each person's salvation experience includes....

## I. An E\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-9)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Walking Point: How Will They S\_\_\_\_\_?

## II. An E\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 10-19)

"But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup>And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things!"

Romans 10:14-15

Walking Point: How Will They H\_\_\_\_\_?

III. A T \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20-25)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17

Walking Point:	How Will They C_____?
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IV. A T \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 26-31)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God’s power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it God’s righteousness is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.” Romans 1:16-17

Walking Point:	How Will They S_____?
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“... but honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” 1 Peter 3:15