

Converted to Christ **Acts 9:1-30**

Main Point:

Having been converted to Christ, gratefully serve your Savior regardless of the cost.

1. Jesus converts His enemies.
2. He does this by confronting them with their sin and leading them to faith.
3. He does this sovereignly, individually, and graciously.
4. He does this to make them His servants and to add them to His church.
5. Having been converted yourself, gratefully serve your Savior regardless of the cost.

R. Kent Hughes “He was a callous, self-righteous, bigoted murderer set on a full-scale inquisition.”

Romans 5:10 ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas “This should give us cause for great hope about those who appear to be utterly indifferent, even hostile, to the gospel. There is no telling what God can do, in an instant!”

Luke 10:16 ¹⁶ “He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me ...” (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes “The great hunter who was going to wreak havoc on the Damascus church entered Damascus led by the hand - blind, weak, impotent.”

Acts 22:16 ¹⁶ “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (NKJV)

Philippians 3:7, 9 ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ ... ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes “Our Damascus Roads are generally less dramatic than Saul’s, but they are meant to have the same effect - to break our compulsive independence and arrogance and to bring us to Christ for salvation ...”

Ephesians 1:3-6 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:10 ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)

1 Peter 2:9 ⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NKJV)

Derek Thomas “How important it is for us to embrace new believers, no matter how badly they have behaved in their past. Since God has forgiven their past sins, we should be willing to do the same.”

R. Kent Hughes “Saul was now a mighty hunter for God! Instead of exhaling threats and murder, he helped men and women find life in Jesus Christ. Instead of incarceration, he brought liberation.”