

INTRODUCTION

A. IMPORTANCE (Acts 9:1-22; 22:3-16; 26:9-18; see Dt.19:15; Mt.18:16; 2Cor.13:1)

B. CONVERSION OR COMMISSION?

I. CONVERSION

A. COMPLETE TURN AROUND (9:1f/23f; Gal.1:23; Phil.3:1f/7f; see Acts 26:18; Eph.2:4; Rom.16:5)

B. WORST & LEAST (8:1f; 9:1f; 22:4; 26:9f; Gal.1:13f; Eph.3:8; Phil.3:6; 1Tm.1:13,15 & 1Cor.15:9; see Eph.2:1f)

C. SEIZED BY GOD (9:3f; 22:6; 26:13f; 2Cor.4:6; Gal.1:15; Eph.2:4f,9; Phil.3:12; see Gen.1:26f; 12:1,etc.; Ex.6:7; Eph.2:4; 1Jn.4:19)

D. KILLED & RAISED (9:9&18(10:40); see Rom.6:1f; Gal.2:20; Eph.2:4,5; see Phil.3:10,11)

E. BEST & GREATEST (9:15; 22:15; 26:16f; 1Cor.15:10; 2Cor.11:23; see Eph.2:10)

II. COMMISSION

A. GIVEN WORK TO DO (see Ex.3:2f; Gen.12:1(Acts 9:6; 22:10); Is.6:1f,8f; Jer.1:4f(Gal.1:15); see Gen.31:13; 1Kngs.17:9; Jon.1:2)

B. IMMEDIATE (9:6,20f; 22:10; 26:16,19f)

C. PURPOSE (9:15; 22:14,15; 26:16f(20); see Rom.1:1; 1Cor.15:10; Gal.1:16; see Eph.2:10,1f)

D. PROVISION (9:17,18 (2:38); 22:16; see 1Cor.12:13; 7,25; Lev.8:6&10,30(22f); see Lk.3:22; 4:18)

III. CONCLUSIONS

A. BELIEVE THAT JESUS LIVES AND RULES! (7:56; 9:3f; 1Cor.15:3f,8)

B. LOSE YOUR LIFE IN ORDER TO LIVE! (9:9/18f; see Lk.9:24; Rom.6:1f; Gal.2:20; Phil.3:1ff; see Acts 9:16; Rom.8:17)

C. EVEN YOU CAN BE SAVED! EVEN THEY! (9:1f; etc.; see Rom.5:10; Eph.2:4; 1Cor.6:9f; 1Tm.1:16; 1Jn.4:19; see Acts 9:9/Gal.1:15,16)

D. STOP PERSECUTING CHRIST! (9:4f; 22:7; 26:14; see Mt.25:40f,45f; Rom.14:15; Eph.4:25,15f; 5:29,20; see Gal.5:13-15)

E. GOD WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYERS! (9:9,11 & 12,17f; see 22:13f; 26:16; Lk.11:1-13; Jms.5:16)

F. BE CLEANSED AND EQUIPPED SO THAT YOU WILL SERVE! (9:17,18 (2:38); 2Cor.5:20,21; Eph.2:5f,10; 2Tm.2:21; see 1Cor.11:23f)

Discussion questions:

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)