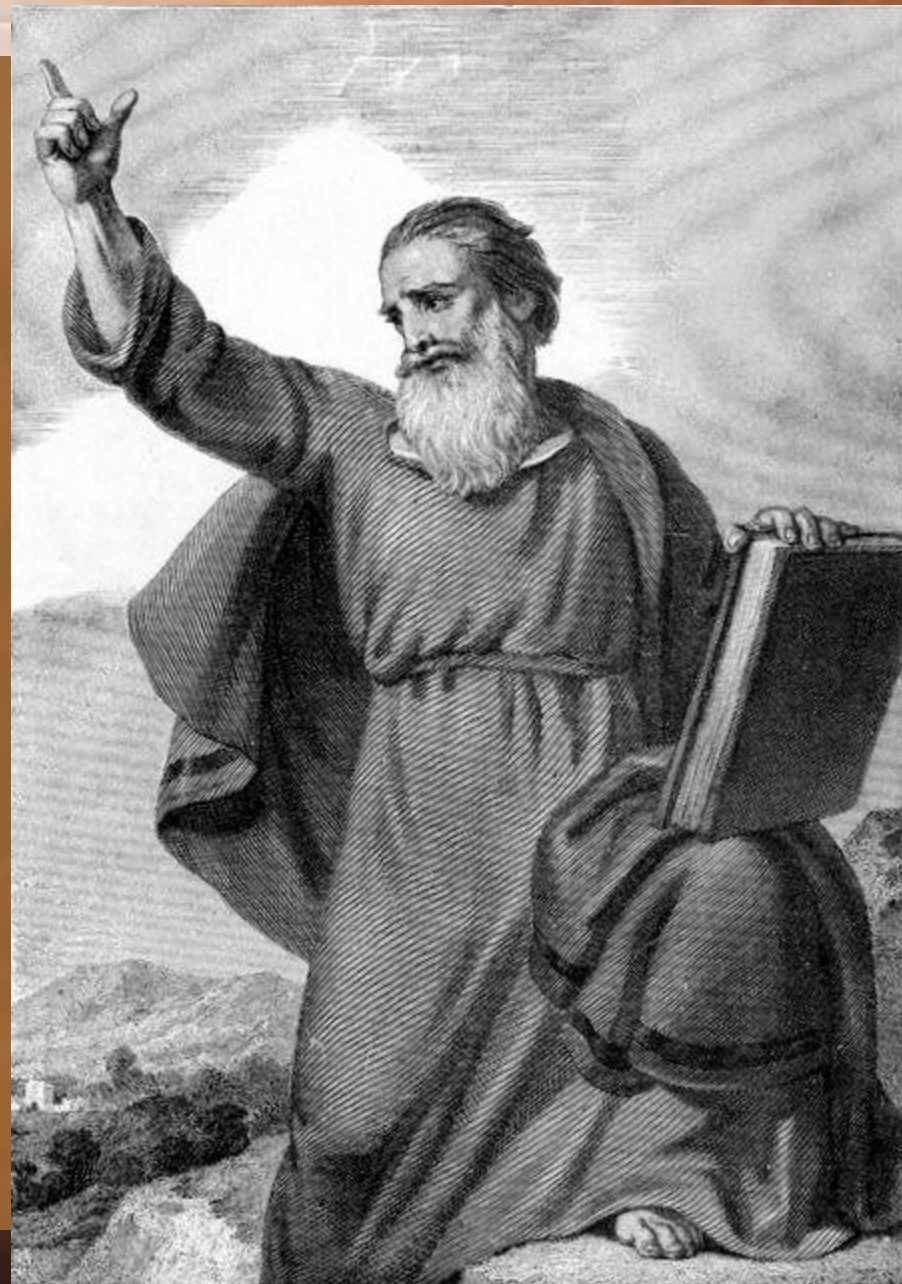


From Darkness to Light



The Power of A Transformed Life



A Transformed Life

**From the greatest Antagonist, Saul
to the
greatest Protagonist, Paul.**

Acts 9:19-31

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A. Rebellion, (out right, indifference)

B. Revelation

C. Repentance

D. Reason

A Transformed Life

I. How it came to be, Paul's marvellous conversion

II. How it influenced Paul's movements

III. How it radically changed Paul's message

IV. How it is motivated!

I. How it came to be - Paul's marvellous conversion

- The most important event in human history apart from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is the conversion to Christianity of Saul of Tarsus.**
- Paul's conversion is the most important in history. No one, except our Lord Jesus, has influenced the world more than the apostle Paul**
- Saul's dramatic transformation has perplexed infidelity for many centuries. It requires some reasonable explanation. (Josh McDowel)**

I. How it came to be - Paul's marvellous conversion

→ **“Who are you Lord?” Acts 9:5**

→ **“I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.”**

→ **Go to the Gentiles? Wow! Acts 26:15-18.**

→ **I don't think we as none-Jews realize what a tremendous shock this must have been for this Pharisee!**

II. How it influenced Paul's movements

- 1. From Jerusalem to Damascus, ch.9:1-19**
- 2. From Damascus to Arabia, ch.9:23, Gal.1:15-17**
- 3. From Arabia to Damascus, Gal.1:17**
- 4. From Damascus to Jerusalem, “coming in, going out”, ch.9:26-29**
- 5. From Jerusalem to Caesarea to Tarsus, ch.9:30**

III. How it radically changed Paul's message

I. Jesus is the Son of God, John 5:18, "equal with God."

Why don't the names of Buddha, Mohammed and Confucius offend people?

The reason is that these others didn't claim to be God, but Jesus did.

II. Proving that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, the King, Acts 9:22.

IV. How it is motivated

”I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Gal.2:20 KJV

The definition of a transformed life.

**Do you have a transformed life?
Have you met Jesus?**

- 1. Has the transformed life brought a change in your movements?**
- 2. Has the transformed life brought a change in your speaking?**
- 3. Has the transformed life brought a change in your motivation, in your life's purpose?**

Let's sum up the applications

- 1. Rebellion, out right or indifferent?**
- 2. Paul's conversion = Christ is real and Christianity is true, so have you met Jesus and is your life transformed?**
- 3. Immediately Paul preached Christ. Are you making Him known to others?**

Let's sum up the applications

4. No one, except our Lord Jesus, has influenced the world more than the apostle Paul. Are you and I influencing the world?
5. “Going in and out”, constantly active for the Lord, what about us?
6. Jesus is God, Lord and Saviour, what does that mean to us? Do we accept His authority over us? Are we motivated like Paul?

Quotes

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (and women) to do nothing.” Edmund Burke

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. Edmund Burke.”

“Don’t expect God to use you as a lighthouse somewhere, if He cannot use you as a candle where you are!”