



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, December 27, 2020

Acts 9:1-31 – A New Beginning

We Learn:

Saul, who was “breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples,” was on his way to Damascus when Jesus directly confronted him. With a blinding light and a voice from heaven, Jesus revealed himself to Saul and transformed his life. Despite all that Saul had done, Jesus accounted for his past, commissioned him for ministry, and united him to Jesus’ body, the Church. We can have the same kind of new beginning in our lives as Saul did.

- What was different in Saul’s conversion experience from the typical sequence of someone hearing the gospel message and accepting Jesus? What was similar?
- What is the significance of Jesus’ statement that Saul was persecuting him?
- How did Jesus account for Saul’s past? Why is this important for us?
- What was the calling and ministry Jesus had for Saul? What did Jesus say would happen to Saul?
- Why is it necessary for us to be rightly connected to the body of Christ, the Church?

We Respond:

- What do Ephesians 4:22-24 and Philippians 3:13-14 tell us about moving forward in our relationship with Jesus?
- How are we made new in Christ?
- What does a new beginning in your life look like?

We Apply:

- What does it mean to live in the fear of the Lord?
- According to Exodus 20:20 what is the result of living in the fear of the Lord?
- What does it mean to be encouraged by the Holy Spirit?