

Jesus Acts in All Our Affairs for Our Good & His Glory (Acts 9:23-43)

- Overarching message in Acts 9:23-43 Jesus actively turns things around
- Text should cause us to have expectancy & indomitable hopefulness
- Christ sovereignly & actively turns things around when least expected

I. The Devastating Sense of Fatalism

- Worst feeling a Christian can have is: things are not going to change
- Jesus Christ is actively involved in every part of our lives just as in Acts
- Jesus Christ directs the affairs of all His children- He is far off or distant

II. Persecution Breaks Out Against the Early Church

- Broad persecution of the church broke out in the book of Acts in 8:1
- Seemed that evil was too entrenched the church would not know peace

III. A Sudden and Remarkable Reversal

- Suddenly, Jesus intervenes – Saul the key persecutor is converted
- The persecutor now becomes the strongest advocate of Christianity
 - a. God is turning things around all over the world
 - b. Shattering the pride of human predictions
 - c. Jesus turns things around, and people turn to Him.

IV. Jesus is Just as Alive and Active Today

- a. What then should we do?
- b. The fear of the Lord
- c. The comfort of the Holy Spirit