

Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God (Acts 9:19-22)

Last time: we considered the conversion of Saul of Tarsus in Acts 9:1-19

1. Saul of Tarsus persecutor of the Church.
2. Arrested by Christ
3. Conquered instantly by grace
4. Soundly converted
5. Prayer

I. The Heart of Saul's New World View

For several days he spends time with the disciples in Damascus (v.19)

He begins to preach Christ & debate with the Jews in the synagogue (v.20)

Last words out of Saul's mouth before conversion: *Who are you Lord?* (v.5)

First words after conversion: "Jesus is the Son of God." (v.20)

II. What Does it Mean that Jesus is the Son of God?

1. *It means that He is God:* Col 2:9; 1:13,19; Phil 2:6; Heb 1:2-3; 8-9
2. *It means that God has a unique love for Jesus His Son:* Col 1:13

III. Why Is This the First Thing Saul Proclaims?

1. 1 John 5:12 "...*He who has the Son has eternal life...*"
2. 1 John 2:23 "*whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either*"
3. Gal 4:4-5 "...*God sent forth His Son to redeem those under the law...*"
4. Gal 2:20 "...*live by faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us*"

IV. This Must be Front and Center in Our Lives, Too

- a. How do you come to know the Son?