



The Confidence of Paul



Paul's Former Self: Saul of Tarsus

Consented to the Stoning of Stephen.

(Acts 7:57, 58; 8:1; 22:19, 20)

Persecuted the Church.

(Acts 8:3; 9:1, 2; 22:4, 5; 26:10, 11)

Zealous for the Law.

(Acts 22:3; 26:4, 5, 9; Philippians 3:3-6)

Becoming Paul: The Road to Damascus

Saul Intends to Punish Those in Damascus.

(Acts 9:1, 2; 22:5)

But Jesus Intervenes.

(Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-10; 26:12-18)

And Saul Listened to Jesus.

Becoming Paul: Obeying in Damascus

While Blind, He Fasted and Prayed.

(Acts 9:9, 11, 12)

Christ Had a Purpose for Saul.

(Acts 26:15-18; 9:12-15)

Saul Is Baptized by Ananias.

(Acts 9:17, 18; 22:12-16)

Becoming Paul: The New Man

Began Preaching Immediately in Damascus.

(Acts 9:19-22; 26:19, 20)

Saul Works with Barnabas.

(Acts 9:26, 27; 11:19-26)

Saul Adopts the Name Paul.

(Acts 12:25-13:3, 9)

Paul's Example: Committed to Change

He Began to Work Immediately.

(Acts 26:19, 20; Matthew 13:5, 6, 20, 21)

Paul Cast Off the Old Man Saul.

(Romans 6:4-6; Ephesians 4:22-24)

Forgetting the Past and Looking Forward.

(Philippians 3:13)

Paul's Example: Committed to Christ

Became an Imitator of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 11:1)

Gave Up All Things for Christ.

(Philippians 3:7-9)

Lived for Christ, Not for Self.

(Galatians 2:20)

Paul's Example: Confident in Forgiveness

Confident in God's Plan.

(Ephesians 1:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:9)

Confident in Christ's Blood.

(Romans 5:6-11)

Walked in a Worthy Manner.

(2 Corinthians 5:9, 10)

Paul's Life: The Great Redemption Story

He Was Once a Sinner and Persecutor.

(Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 7:10)

Now an Example of Repentance and Salvation.

(2 Timothy 4:6-8; Romans 4:20-22)

Forgiveness Is Available to All!

(Isaiah 53:6; 1 John 1:9)

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 10:35-39