



## Daily Devotion - Acts 9

*By Ken Terry on February 17, 2021*

Today's passage picks up with Saul's hatred towards the Christ followers of the time - people belonging to The Way. In his evil mission, Saul went to the high priest to gain approval for his diabolical plan, "that he may bring them bound back to Jerusalem." As he traveled toward Damascus, Saul had his famous Damascus Road moment where he met Jesus, The Risen Lord! Jesus asked Saul a very simple and basic question, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Please think about this for a moment. The God of our salvation, who condescended to our time and space - suffered, and died at the cross of Calvary, descended from Heaven to address the biggest opponent to His mission, Saul of Tarsus.

The passage goes on to tell about Saul being blinded and Ananias being called to minister to him. Saul, being called specifically by Jesus, was then filled with the Spirit and the Spirit grew in him. Scripture states that Saul "kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ!" With this threat to their way of life, that is, their superiority and profiting gained by misrepresenting God to the people, the Jews planned to kill Saul. The passage illustrates two separate incidents where The Lord made a way for Saul's escape. Saul kept preaching in the name of Jesus and the Church prospered. "Throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria, the church had peace, and was being built up. And walking in fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied" (vs. 31).

My friends, where are we in our own walk with Christ? Are we bold enough to speak the goodness of The Lord? Or are we waiting to have a Damascus event in our lives as Saul of Tarsus experienced? We do not have to wait. As followers of Christ, we have been given all things that pertain to life and godliness. The Divine Nature of God rests within each of us. The only thing we need to do is appropriate the indwelling Spirit that resides in everyone that calls on the Name of Jesus.

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus please help me in my growth and understanding of Your Divine Nature in my life. Please grant me the wisdom and discernment to embrace the Divine Appointments that You place before me.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Acts 10

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