



PART 9 – PAUL

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Radical Sinner to Radical Saint

Acts 7:57–60

Acts 9:1–4 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

LIFE LESSONS FROM PAUL

1. Jesus takes it personally when anyone attacks Christians and the church.

- ❖ When you attack the body, you attack the head.

Matthew 25:40 The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Romans 12:17-21

Acts 9:5-16

2. Our past does not _____ us from being used by God today.

- ❖ Jesus always sees past our _____ to our potential.

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV) Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

New Testament Books Written By Paul

Romans	1 Thessalonians
1 Corinthians	2 Thessalonians
2 Corinthians	1 Timothy
Galatians	2 Timothy
Ephesians	Titus
Philippians	Philemon
Colossians	

Acts 19:10 all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

Acts 9:17-19 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

3. We need both "baptisms" to _____ us in our new journey of faith.

- ❖ Water baptism is an outward demonstration and declaration of the miracle that took place within our heart.
- ❖ The baptism of the Holy Spirit (being filled with the Holy Spirit) is God's power WITHIN us coming UPON us.

Acts 1:4-5 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 9:19-22 . . . Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. 21 All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man

who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" 22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

4. The _____ is immediate.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

5. Spiritual _____ breathe life into the local church!

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

6. _____ will come even when we're doing right.

2 Corinthians 11:23–28

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV) Now thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ . . .

1 John 4:4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

**All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*