



## PAUL THE APOSTLE

*There is good news for those of us who have made serious mistakes in our past. Let's look into some Biblical case studies.*

1. While Stephen was being attacked & martyred, what was Saul doing there? (Acts 7:58) \_\_\_\_\_
2. How was Saul involved in Stephen's death? (Acts 8:1) \_\_\_\_\_
3. What four things was Saul doing after the martyr death of Stephen? (Acts 8:3)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_

What was Saul still doing right before his conversion? (Acts 9:1)

- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_

*Saul was raised in the strict Jewish faith; he was taught by the best. However, he was raised to believe that the religion of the land had to be the religion that he believed; no other faiths could be tolerated. This "faith in Jesus" was a corrupt sect that would destroy society. Saul became part of the Jewish leadership under the authority of the Sanhedrin. He was apparently assigned to get rid of the "believers".*

4. What do you think motivated Saul to behave like this?
  - Y  N He was raised to act & believe like this.
  - Y  N He really believed that the believers were illegitimate skum.
  - Y  N He was an evil man who was prone to acts of violence.
  - Y  N He was part of a gang. (Think about this one).
  - Y  N He had to belong to those with the power and the majority.

Your comment: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Saul thought he was persecuting believers. Who was he really persecuting? (Acts 9:4) \_\_\_\_\_
6.   Y     N   Is it fair to say that God loves everybody?
7.   Y     N   When we abuse and hurt somebody, we are hurting God.
8. What kind of reputation did Saul have in the community? (Acts 9:13)  
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9.   Y     N   Does God give a second chance to people who hurt others?
10.   Y     N   Do you DESERVE a second chance?
11. What **word** is used to describe what Saul did to people? (Acts 9:21)  
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12. How do we know that Saul made enemies? (Acts 9:23)  
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13. How did believers & others feel about Saul? (Acts 9:26)  
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*Have you ever heard, "You are **no good** and you **will never amount to anything**?" Those words are not in God's vocabulary for anybody; He would never say that to you.*

14. Show me how Saul was given a second chance by God.
- a. Acts 9:20) "He \_\_\_\_\_ Christ."
  - b. (9:22) "He \_\_\_\_\_ in strength."
  - c. (9:28) "He was \_\_\_\_\_ by the disciples."
  - d. (11:26) "He joined a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ many."
  - e. (13:3) "He was sent out as a \_\_\_\_\_."
  - f. (13:52) "He caused other believers to have \_\_\_\_\_."
  - g. (16:24) "He went to \_\_\_\_\_ & a C.O. was \_\_\_\_\_."
15. Who is in your life that will benefit from your second chances?  
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16. Just as Saul made a major change on the Damascus road, what Changes are needed for you to find that second chance?  
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