



The Chief of Sinners is  
Converted to Christ

# 5 Questions

- 1. Why refer to himself as the chief of sinners?**
- 2. How dramatic was his change?**
- 3. Why did he change?**
- 4. When was he saved?**
- 5. How was he saved?**

# Why the Chief of Sinners?

- **Before his conversion:**
  - **Acts 7:57, 58**
    - **Guarded the garments of those who stoned Stephen.**
  - **Acts 8:1, 3**
    - **Approved of Stephen's death and threatened Christians.**
  - **Acts 9:1, 2**
    - **Goes beyond Jerusalem.**
  - **Acts 9:31**

# How Dramatic was the Change?

- **Great persecutor → great promoter**
- **Some doubted the transformation.**
  - **Acts 9:26-28**
- **Galatians 1:22-24**
- **1 Corinthians 15:9, 10**
  - **“...Labored more abundantly than they all...”**

# Why Did He Change?

- **Saw a light. Acts 9:3**
- **Heard a voice. Acts 9:4, 5**
- **Saw the Lord. Acts 9:26, 27**
  - **Had to see the risen Lord. Cf. Acts 1:22**
- **Received commission as apostle. Acts 26:15-18**
- **Came face-to-face with his sin.**
- **Came face-to-face with his Savior.**

# When Was He Saved?

- **Many believe Paul was saved on the road to Damascus.**
- **If so:**
  - **The Lord didn't know it. Acts 9:6**
  - **Saul didn't know it. Acts 9:9 cf. 8:39**
  - **Ananias didn't know it. Acts 22:16**
- **Saul wasn't saved on the road to Damascus.**
- **How was Saul saved?**

# How Was He Saved?

- **Don't pit verses against each other.**
- **Saul was saved by:**
  - **Calling on the name of the Lord. Rom. 10:13**
  - **Grace. Ephesians 2:8**
  - **Baptism. Mark 16:16**
- **Acts 22:16 shows all three.**
- **The chief of sinners was converted to Christ!**



# Conclusion

- **1 Timothy 1:15, 16**
- **1 Timothy 1:17**
- **Jesus offers hope and life.**
- **Won't you accept His gift?**