

Sermon Title: "From Persecutor to Preacher Part 1"

Date: October 2, 2022 - Acts 9:1-9

Central Idea: God can call anyone He chooses to open new work for His kingdom. Are you available?

Introduction: God is now ready to appoint a highly trained, full-time missionary to the Gentiles. He selects Saul of Tarsus and changes his life to fit this role. God reserves the right to interrupt anyone's life whether by conversion for ministry or in death.

I. Saul Persecuting vv. 1-2

- 1. Persistent in zeal v. 1**
- 2. Intense in expression v. 1**
- 3. Fierce in strength v. 1**
- 4. Aggressive in initiative v. 1**
- 5. Extreme in lengths v. 2**
- 6. Cruel in pursuit v. 2**

II. Saul Penitent vv. 3-9

- 1. The Light v. 3**
- 2. The Voice v. 4**
- 3. The Revelation v. 5**
- 4. The Surrender vv. 6-9**

Conclusion: Conclusion: The gospel must be acted upon. Hearing it, even firsthand, as Saul did from Stephen, may have no effect at all or perhaps even the opposite effect from that intended. Be ready. When you least expect it, God may call on you for a very special task.