

# Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

## Acts 9:1-19     *The Windows to the Soul*

**\*Conversion is a personal acceptance of truth that changes a life from the inside out.**

### **I. Context**

- A. Saul breathing out threats and murder (9-12)
- B. God's work among the Gentiles (8-10)
- C. Fulfilling 1:8

### **II. Personal**

- A. Saul Called by name
- B. Jesus speaks directing to Saul about his life
- C. Others hear and see but can't understand and are not blinded
- D. Conversion is something personal for each person because it is a personal relationship with Christ

### **III. Truth**

- A. Saul now blind and led by the hand to Damascus
- B. No eating, drinking, or sight for 3 days
- C. He is God's chosen instrument for ministry
- D. So you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit
- E. Conversion is seeing the truth of God; not man

### **IV. Ananias**

- A. A great example of disciple
- B. Lord spoke to him
- C. Obedient to Christ: Fearful but faithful
- D. Knows God's power and might: "Brother Saul,..."

### **V. Life Change**

- A. Rose and was baptized (Standing up and standing in a commitment to God)
- B. Took food for physical strength
- C. Spent time with disciples (CF 2:24)

- D. Conversion is submitting your life to the will of God (baptism is symbolism but life style is the evidence)

## **VI. Live It Out**

- A. Do you know Christ personally
- B. Is there evidence in your life of a submission and commitment to Christ?
- C. Could be as faithful and obedient as Ananais when Christ calls you?