Saved Like Saul

Ken Chapman · Acts 9:1–19

INTRODUCTION

- When it comes to salvation, we don't get to all choose our own way and have our own truth. There is but one truth, and one way.
- It is simply a matter of us submitting to God's way and God's will.

1 The Conversion of Saul

Acts 9; Acts 22; Acts 26

- Something happens on his way to Damascus and in Damascus that will forever not only change his life, but yours as well.
- I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
- Go to Damascus, and someone there will tell you what you must do.
- Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
- I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

2 His Salvation Was Common, His Selection Was Unique

- Paul's salvation was common and his selection was unique.
- His selection as an apostle was a unique event.
- Saul is told to do and does exactly what every other Christian is told to do and must do in order to have our sins washed away.
- I want to be washed from my sins, just like Saul was.

3 When Was Saul Saved?

- We're going to look at four things that happened in the story of Saul in these three short days.
- Even though Saul spoke to Jesus himself and Jesus spoke to Saul, that he was still in his sins when Ananias approached him three days later.
- If prayer could ever save anybody, surely that prayer would have saved Saul.
- After he'd received a direct revelation from God, after he had experienced a miracle, after he had been praying, Ananias says, Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins.
- When was he saved? It was when he was not disobedient. And he submitted to the commandment of God.
- Saul doesn't argue or dispute. He simply obeys.

4 What He Taught Others: Exactly What He Had Done

Romans 10:17; Romans 10:10; Romans 6:3–4

- So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

- For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- That they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.
- To hear, believe, confess that faith, repent of our sins, and this same Saul taught others to do what he had done.
- Therefore we were buried with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you be saved? Would you be saved like Saul was saved? To receive the same washing away of sins, of calling upon the same Lord. Would you do what he did and what he taught to receive what he received?

MY NOTES