

# ACTS

## Amazing God, Amazing Gospel: The Salvation of Saul

Acts 9:1-31

Acts 9 gives us the first of three accounts in Acts of Paul’s conversion. (Acts 22:5-16, 26:12-18)

Regarding his conversion, many believe this to be the most important event in church history since \_\_\_\_\_.

### Snapshot of Pre-conversion Paul

Saul/Paul was a fierce \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 7:58, 8:3, 9:1-2)

Paul says in both Philippians and Galatians that he was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the church. (Phil. 3:4-6, Gal. 1:13)

Saul’s/Paul’s opposition was the \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore opposition to \_\_\_\_ Himself. (Acts 9: 4-5)

Persecution of the church is persecution of \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul’s life prior to the Gospel was one that was zealous for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 1:14)

### Gospel Takeaways:

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ brings about Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3-9, 15-19)

When you \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel, it was \_\_\_\_\_ to you by God the Holy Spirit.

God, most likely (in our context) revealed Christ to you through the \_\_\_\_\_.

God is able to \_\_\_\_\_ the heart of the most improbable of sinners.

All true conversion to Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Saul/Paul brought nothing to his salvation, but his \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph. 2:8-9)

We must encounter \_\_\_\_\_ if we are to be saved. (1 Cor. 15:8-9, 2 Cor. 4:6)

What is the effect of the revelation of Christ to us?

God does what we cannot imagine nor what we cannot do ourselves...\_\_\_\_\_ the human heart (2 Cor. 5:17)

We, as followers of Christ (Christians), are the \_\_\_\_\_ God uses to carry out His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the nations

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ brings about Gospel \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_. (v. 20-25, 28-30)

When Saul/Paul became a Christian, he became an everyday \_\_\_\_\_.

The fact is we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ sharing the message of Christ (love, truth, grace, forgiveness) with the people around us.

The people you spend time with become your mission \_\_\_\_\_.

We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ and live with the expectation of \_\_\_\_\_ for the gospel.

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Outcomes of a faithful witness (saturation of) the Gospel:

The church had \_\_\_\_\_

The church was being \_\_\_\_\_

The church was walking in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

The church was walking in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

The church \_\_\_\_\_

### Our Response:

We need to know the \_\_\_\_\_.

We need to \_\_\_\_\_.

We need to \_\_\_\_\_.

We should expect \_\_\_\_\_.

Who do you know that needs the Gospel?

### Apologetics for the Young Minded

Wednesdays, June 1-August 3 | 7:30pm | Cafe

Led by John Stickles, this class will look at the history of ideas through a Christian worldview for the purpose of defending the faith from modern objections.

### Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

June 12 | 4pm | VBS Prayer Walk

We will walk the classrooms and church campus praying for the leaders and volunteers working in VBS, and for the kids who will be attending and their families.

### Letters for Missionary Amy

As we prepare to send a care package to Calvary missionary Amy who is in her first year on the mission field in a very harsh place, we need your help! We ask for you to write letters or notes and let her know that Calvary supports her not just financially, but through prayers and encouragement. Letters/notes are due back to church by Sunday, June 12.

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9*

### The Alternative: Creation’s Competitive Edge

Wednesday, June 29 | 6pm | Sanctuary

In conjunction with our Midweek study in Genesis we invite you to join us in this special service with Dr. Robert Carter from Creation Ministries International.

Does God exist? How can anyone believe in religion when science has neither a need nor a place for God? Is evolution happening today? If God is a God of love, why do we suffer and die?

Evolution teaches us there is no need for God, there is no spiritual realm, and there is no afterlife. According to the theory, spirituality is just an evolutionary trick of the mind!

The Bible gives a very different picture about the nature of these things. At this presentation, you will learn how the scientific evidence, when properly understood, confirms the details of the biblical account. At the same time, we will answer many of the Big Questions.

This event is suitable for children in 3rd grade and up.

### Baby Bottle Boomerang Benefitting Wiregrass Hope Group

Pick up location: Fellowship Center Foyer

Return Date: Sunday, May 29

Wiregrass Hope Group is one of our Community Ministry Partners. They provide free pregnancy resources, free parenting programs, and a free fatherhood program. Their mission is to share the hope of Jesus Christ, promote human life, and care for people through pregnancy resources, biblical counseling, and relationship education.

### Vacation Bible School

June 13-17 | 8:30am-Noon | Completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Have you registered for VBS this summer? If not, head on over to our website and get your child registered today, don’t delay!

Our volunteer team is almost complete, but we still have a few key leader positions to fill in 1st and 2nd Grades. Would you consider being on our VBS team this summer? If you’re interested, please let us know. Contact Zach Daniels, zach@calvarydothan.com or text 334.733.6326.

### Calling all ARTISTS!

The theme for VBS this year lends itself to creativity and art! We’d love to decorate by displaying artwork throughout our entire campus. If you’re an artist, would you consider bringing your work to us or making new pieces that can be displayed during the week of VBS? If so, please bring your artwork to the Church Office at your convenience during the work week, or to the Children’s Building on Sunday morning or Wednesday night.

In an article entitled *The Strength You Need for Today*, Marshall Segal writes about the kind of strength we need as believers as we serve, share, and live contently in this world. Here a few excerpts:

*“Seven words leapt off the page at me recently when reading the story of Saul’s conversion in Acts 9 —... “Saul increased all the more in strength” (Acts 9:22).*

*...When Saul “increased all the more in strength,” God wasn’t refreshing his body to survive another day; he was filling him with power to do the impossible. That is the strength you and I need most today.*

*So how do we live and serve and work in that kind of strength?*

*...No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. (Rom. 4:20–21)*

*The strength we need most doesn’t begin in our arms or legs or back, but somewhere deep in our soul... Wisdom will ask God to strengthen faith far more often than it asks him to strengthen the body.*

*You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim. 2:1)*

*The strength we need most is not earned, achieved, or micromanaged. It is given as a gift, and to the undeserving...No, real strength knows that apart from him we can do nothing.*

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. (Eph. 6:10)*

*When you experience real strength, it will not be because you finally tapped into your strength, but because you finally gave up relying on your own strength... If you feel weak, you do not need more of you; you need more of God.*

*I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service... (1 Tim. 1:12–13)*

*...God strengthens us to serve. The strength you need most today is not meant for you to keep for yourself, but to expend for the good of others... When we use the strength we receive from God to serve others (and not ourselves) in Jesus’s name, he gets the glory (Matt. 5:16).*

*The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. (2 Tim. 4:17)*

*...We don’t need strength merely to do the right thing — at home, at work, in our neighborhood — but to speak up about with courage and boldness about Jesus.*

*I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content... In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Phil. 4:11–13)*

*When Saul “increased all the more in strength” as a new believer and ambassador for Christ, God was strengthening and equipping him to face anything... It’s a reminder that we need this strength as much in blessing as we do in suffering...”*

May God strengthen our congregation to serve others, and share boldly, but also to be content in every circumstance.

### I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

### My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide



## Connect Card

May 29, 2022

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
- Please contact me about membership

### I am a:

- First Time Guest
- Guest
- Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male  Female

Married  Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

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### I'm New Here

To fill out a digital Connect Card or learn more about Calvary, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code.

### How to Become a Christian

Want more information about how to become a Christian? Go to [calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/](http://calvarydothan.com/become-a-christian/).

If you would like to view a pdf of today's sermon notes, go to [calvarydothan.com/podcast](http://calvarydothan.com/podcast) or use Calvary's MobileMission app.

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### FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

### THE PEOPLE CAME...

May 22

Life Groups: 492  
10:00 Worship: 603  
Hispanic Church: 110  
Grace City Church (NY): 30

### THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund

Given May 22: \$57,295  
Y-T-D Budget  
Surplus (Deficit): \$9,734.18

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, May 29

Lev 15, Ps 18, Prv 29, 2 Thes 3

Monday, May 30:

Lev 16, Ps 19, Prv 30, 1 Tim 1

Tuesday, May 31:

Lev 17, Ps 2.-21, Prv 31, 1 Tim 2

Wednesday, June 1:

Lev 18, Ps 22, Eccl 1, 1 Tim 3

Thursday, June 2:

Lev 19, Ps 23-24, Eccl 2, 1 Tim 4

Friday, June 3:

Lev 20, Ps 25, Eccl 3, 1 Tim 5

Saturday, June 4:

Lev 21, Ps 26-27, Eccl 4, 1 Tim 6

### Midweek Schedule

6:00pm Midweek Worship, Sanctuary  
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building  
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC  
Students, Grades 6-12, Student Room  
7:00pm Adult Choir

### 4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to [calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline](http://calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline).
- On Sundays, drop in the offering plate or in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

### Ministry Staff

Paul Thompson.....Senior Pastor  
Charles Uptain.....Executive Pastor  
Dan Tankersley.....Discipleship  
Patrick Lima.....Worship  
Tommy Perry.....Community

### STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, May 29:

Charles Uptain | 334-797-7191

Saturday, June 4:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

Sunday, June 5:

Randy Hunt | 334-791-7986

### SERMON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 1 | 6pm

Genesis: The Death of Jacob

Genesis 49:28-50:14

Message by Dan Tankersley

Sunday, June 5 | 10:00am

Acts: Our Impartial God and

Our Universal Gospel

Acts 9:32-10:43

Message by Zach Daniels

Wednesday, June 8 | 6pm

Genesis: The Goodness of God

Genesis 50:15-28

Message by Dan Tankersley

Sunday, June 12 | 10:00am

Acts: The Gospel for All

Acts 10:34-11:18

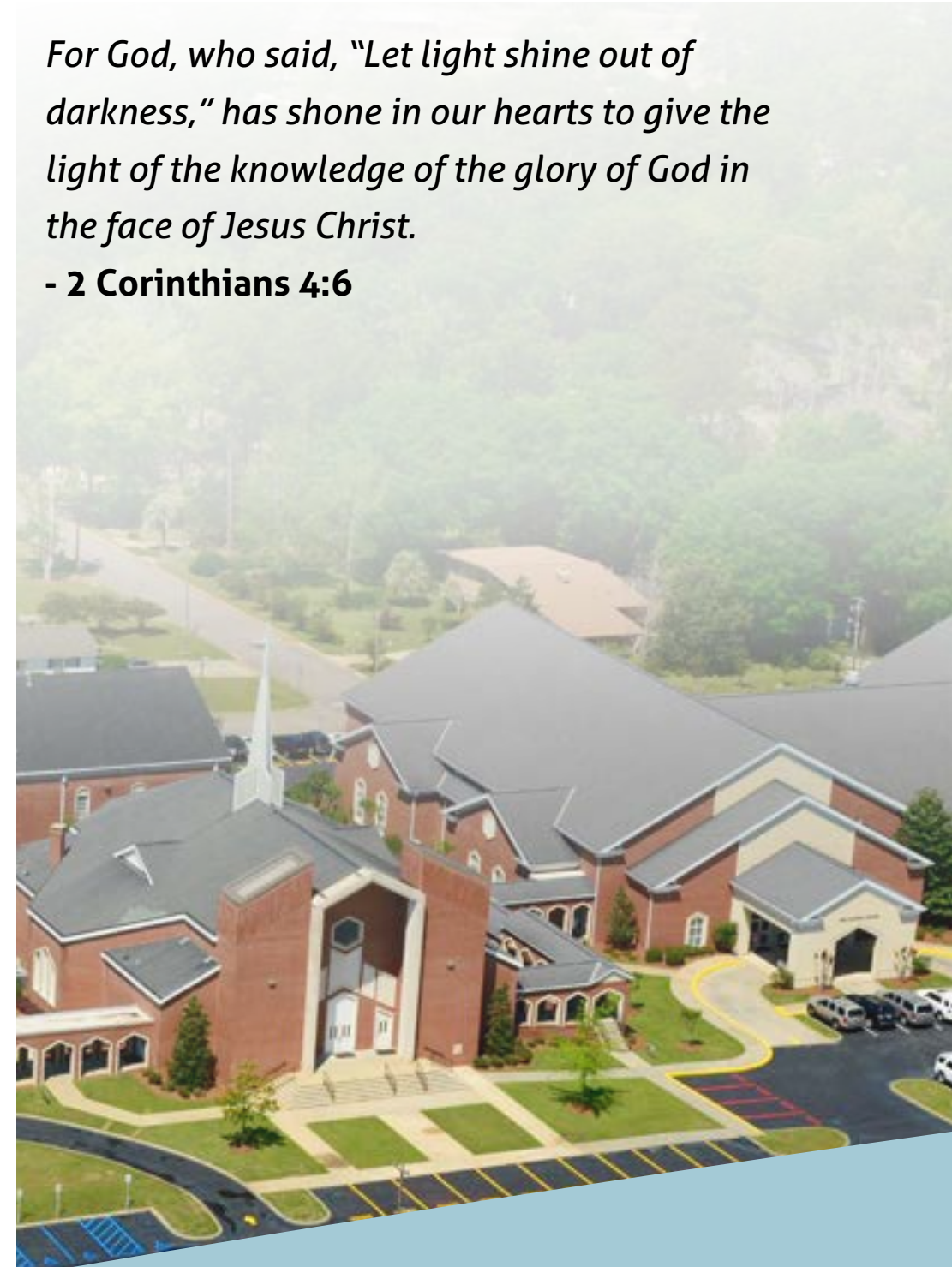
Message by Tommy Perry

### Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary  
8:30am Life Group  
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center  
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5,  
Chapel (except 1st Sunday)  
11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM  
94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- 2 Corinthians 4:6



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