

Paul's Early Years and Conversion

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Paul's conversion is narrated in Acts Chapter Nine by someone other than Paul.

But he himself tells about it in his epistle to the Galatians.

He also recounts it before the Jewish council and before King Agrippa following his arrest in Jerusalem.

ACTS 7-9, 15	Galatians 1-2	Acts 22 - before the Jewish Council	Acts 26 - before King Agrippa
		<p>Acts 22:3. ¶ I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.</p>	<p>Acts 26:4. My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; 5. Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee....</p>
<p>Acts 7:58. And cast him [Stephen] out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul... Acts 8:1. ¶ And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.... 3. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.</p>	<p>Galatians 1:13. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14. And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.</p>	<p>Acts 22:4. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.</p>	<p>Acts 26:9. I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. 11. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.</p>

Acts 9:1. ¶ And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, **2.** And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

Acts 9:3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

Acts 9:4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Acts 9:5. And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Acts 9:6. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou

Acts 22:5. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

Acts 22:6. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

Acts 22:7. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Acts 22:8. And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. **9.** And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Acts 22:10. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

Acts 26:12. ¶ Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

Acts 26:13. At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

Acts 26:14. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Acts 26:15. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Acts 26:16. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the

must do. **7.** And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

Acts 9:8. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. **9.** And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

Acts 9:10. ¶ And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. **11.** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, **12.** And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand

Acts 22:11. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

Acts 22:12. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, **13.** Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. **14.** And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. **15.** For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. **16.** And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy

which I will appear unto thee; **17.** Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **18.** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. **19.** Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

on him, that he might receive his sight. **13.** Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: **14.** And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. **15.** But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: **16.** For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. **17.** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. **18.** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. **19.** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. **20.** And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the

sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Son of God. **21.** But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? **22.** But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Acts 9:23. ¶ And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: **24.** But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. **25.** Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

Galatians 1:15. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, **16.** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: **17.** Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Acts 9:26. And when Saul was come to

Galatians 1:18. Then after three years I went up

Acts 26:20. But shewed first unto them of Damas-

Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. **27.** But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. **28.** And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

Acts 9:29. And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

Acts 9:30. Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. **19.** But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. **20.** Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

Galatians 1:21. Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; **22.** And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: **23.** But

cus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Acts 22:17. And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance; **18.** And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. **19.** And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: **20.** And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. **21.** And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. **24.** And they glorified God in me.

Acts 9:31. Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Acts 15:1. AND certain men which came down from Judæa taught the brethren, *and said,* Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

Galatians 2:1. ¶ Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.