

Lessons & Observations from **Paul's Conversion**

1. For some. The longer one walks along a given path, the harder it is to turn from it.
2. No man is too mean to come to Christ. The vilest of persons can change if they want to.
3. Some work to tear down what others build up.
4. All need to know the answers to Paul's two questions.
 - a. **Acts 9:5** – "Who are You, Lord?"
 - b. **Acts 9:6** – "Lord, what do You want me to do?"
 - c. Not until we know **WHO** the Lord is will we be constrained to do **WHAT** He says.
5. Saul was spiritually blind before he was physically blind. Many today can see fine physically, but are blind spiritually. Spiritual sight can be gained and restored.
6. Saul saw more while blind than many see with their eyes open.
7. It is never too late. As long as one lives, there is hope and opportunity for becoming a Christian.
8. Some people obey the gospel where they live. Others obey the gospel during their travels.
9. Reputation precedes the man and is sometimes hard to change.
10. What one is preaching against today, he may be preaching for tomorrow.
11. What one preaches for today, he may be preaching against tomorrow.
12. One's sins are not washed away until he is baptized (immersed) for the remission of those sins.
13. When one leaves a particular religious persuasion and group, ostracism, persecution, and loss of friends may result.
14. We still ought to obey God rather than men.
15. Christ should be chosen over family, friends, and positions in life.
16. Christ can make a difference . . . **THE** difference in a person's life.
17. Before standing up before the world, one needs to kneel down before Christ.
18. One with great power and authority today can be rendered helpless tomorrow.
19. When one comes into contact with the Lord, he is never the same.
20. Power from God is greater than power from men.

21. Just because “religious” men authorize something, that does not automatically make the thing authorized right.
22. When men mistreat the Lord’s people, they mistreat the Lord.
23. Man must be toll “all things” he must do in order to obey Christ. Some tell part—but not all.
24. Man should not be disobedient to Heaven’s call.
25. Some are brought to Christ only after being brought to their knees.
26. If Saul can become a Christian—anyone can become a Christian.
27. God’s message is still communicated by earthen vessels. **2 Corinthians 4:7** – “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”
28. One of life’s most serious times occurs at the very moment one realizes that he has been living wrong.
29. One of life’s most somber moments occurs when one realizes that his religion is religiously wrong—not based upon the truths of the Bible.
30. We must go to others if we are to see them come to Christ.
31. Every person who would be saved has his own street called “Straight.”
32. A “gospel” that is from men cannot be the gospel that is from Christ.
Galatians 1:11-12
- 33, Christ, the Great Physician, has sent His word to restore man spiritual sight.
34. While tarrying, one is in a lost condition.
35. If one refuses to do the “**MUST**”, he cannot be saved.
26. Jesus knows everyone by name—even you.
37. We all need the help of faithful brethren.
38. To obey is to believe, and to believe is to obey.
39. To obey is to love, and to love is to obey.
40. Never b afraid to go teach someone else about Christ.
41. The plans God has for our lives may entirely different that those we have for our lives. Father knows best.
42. The **WAY** is the only way.
43. God will use our past and present as we serve Him in the future.
44. Do not limit God—He can do anything.
45. Conversion should be backed up with a changed life.
46. Before his conversion Saul was sincere . . . but sincerely wrong.
47. A person may be very sincere in a religion that may be wrong.
48. We are not merely Christ’s followers . . . We are his representatives to others.

49. A man's life can be crooked even on a street called Straight.
50. It is still God's plan today than every converted "earthen vessel" teach the gospel to other earthen vessels. **2 Corinthians 4:7** – "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."
51. When you have converted the mission field of your heart, then it is time to work on the mission field of the world.
52. You are converted by the will of Christ . . . convert others to the will of Christ.
53. Conversion should come out of conviction rather than out of convenience.
54. Many people are converted . . . But converted to the wrong things.
55. Just being converted is not enough if one is not converted to the gospel of Christ.
56. Teachings that are authored by men are not the same as the teachings that are authored by Christ.
57. We can know from the word of God if we have obeyed the word of God.
1 John 5:13 – "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."
58. While the denominational world may show one many ways . . . The Bible will shown you only one way—the right way! **John 14:6** – "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"
59. God has not sent many ways to confuse us . . . Those tares are sown by the devil. Matthew 13:24-30
60. What God has established to be right . . . The devil would have you to believe it to be wrong.
61. Truth is not to be negotiated . . . It is to be obeyed.
62. Truth in nonnegotiable.
63. Our treatment of Christians is our treatment of Christ. Matthew 25:40
64. We must do what God tells us in order to be saved.
65. Without baptism one's sins are not washed away. Acts 22:16; Acts 9:18; 1 Peter 3:21